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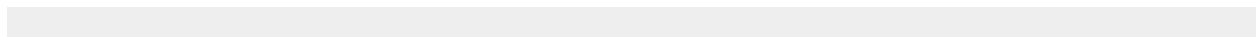
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Within lies fact and fancy, truth and metaphor.

These are the first words of The Vampire Bible.

The last words of the final Teaching of the Temple in The Vampire Adept Bible read, “Without lies fact and fancy, truth and metaphor. Discriminate with care.”

These words were not idly chosen to bracket the formal published Teachings of the world’s only authentic Vampire Religion, HEKAL TIAMAT. They were chosen to emphasize a number of critical principles that the Vampire needs to inculcate into the deepest recesses of his character.

Here lies bedrock. Here lies multiple, embedded meanings.

At the first level, these words act as a legal and public disclaimer. It is warning the reader to not just believe everything as written. It is clearly stating that not all they will read is true and factual. At least some of what is written is fanciful and metaphorical.

In the dictionary, “metaphor” is defined as “a figure of speech in which a word or phrase literally denoting one kind of object or idea is used in place of another to suggest a likeness or analogy between them - figurative language.”

In other words, metaphor is instructive but not literally true. Metaphor is intended to convey a meaning but is not the meaning itself.

Fancy is defined as “a mental image or representation” and “(archaic) fantastic quality or state”. In other words fancy (as opposed to fact) is nonphysical in nature, and is a creation of the mind. (This subject is expanded in depth in the discussion of the dimension of Agreement in The Vampire Adept Bible).

However, the key point is that fancy, like metaphor, is not grounded in ordinary fact but operates on a different level.

That stated, there arise questions to be answered.

How to determine what is fact and what is fancy?

How to distinguish between what is truth and what is metaphor?

How does one “discriminate with care”?

“Discriminate” is defined as “to mark or perceive the distinguishing or peculiar features of”, “to distinguish by discerning or exposing differences”, and “to use good judgment”.

In other words, to “discriminate with care” means that the reader is expected to make judgments based on discovering differences between what is written and what is true.

The reader is both warned and expected to test the Teachings he reads and then discover what is fact and what is fancy.

The reader is told he must actively seek to discover for himself by personal effort what is truth and what is metaphor.

In other words, the Temple is an intelligence test.

And the final words of The Vampire Adept Bible warn us that life itself is an intelligence test.

Discriminate with care.

*(From **Revelations**, Chapter One, pages 3-4.*

Further commentary on the above is worth including.

"Test Everything. Believe Nothing."

This is the Temple Motto.

You can be a member of our religion and never have to accept any of our claims regarding so-called psychic phenomena, what we refer to as the Nightside.

In fact we have members who never do this at all and are quite satisfied with simply applying the Secrets of Earthly Mastery to their own lives.

However the Temple proposes several claims about the Nightside to include:

1. The existence of a human energy field we call Lifeforce that can be harmlessly absorbed from other people.
2. The existence of conscious out of body experience and other "paranormal" powers.
3. The existence of others who have already gained greater mastery of such powers.
4. The existence of a mental technology that can potentially produce change in the physical world that we call magic.
5. The existence of a state of consciousness that better enables the control of these phenomena.

If you agree to accept as a working hypothesis that these claims could possibly be true you can enter Graded Membership in the first of five Circles or Grades as a Vampire Initiate.

Members who have verified for themselves the truth of these overall claims in written testimony for that Circle are recognized by the Temple with specific Titles.

This means that any member who attains a specific Grade has verified for himself or herself that the claims of that level are true.

The Temple never asks you to just have faith in our claims.

You must test and verify to yourself that these things are real.

In this way, the validity of any Grade of membership relies upon the honesty of the member with regard to each testimony submitted.

As explained in the quote from *Revelations*, when you read *The Vampire Bible* or **any** of the Temple literature you should **not** just assume that everything is true ...or false.

And you should **not** assume that everything is true or false ...yet.

And you should **not** assume that everything is true or false ...yet ...for you!

So how can you successfully "discriminate with care"?

How can you determine what is truth and what is metaphor?

By testing these claims for yourself, just as stated in the quote from *Revelations*.

This testing requires a voyage of discovery and an application of effort.

It does nothing to only work with words, asking questions, or reading.

Merely looking at the history of others' actions or efforts won't really help you either.

The only thing that can enable **you** to move from questioning to reliable knowledge is this voyage of self discovery.

The Temple Disclaimer and the Temple Motto both say the same thing.

Within lies fact and fancy, truth and metaphor.

Test Everything. Believe Nothing.

We mean it.

A Certain Folly

"Doubt is not a pleasant condition, but certainty is absurd."

~Voltaire

Certainty is social, not psychological

When one joins a community, there is a tendency to adopt the beliefs of that community over time. This tendency becomes especially strong as one adopts the labels of that community (e.g. "I'm a Christian" or "I'm a Democrat") and as one interacts with others in that community, especially when those interactions are in-person. We see this, for instance, in the unwavering devotion that born-again Christians often exhibit toward the ideas espoused by their chosen church. They surround themselves with likeminded Christians in large part to "sustain their faith" and avoid "lapsing back into sin" - and doing so works tremendously well. Watch the film *Jesus Camp* to see this effect in action.

As another example, those who call themselves "atheists" have a disproportionate tendency to ascribe to materialism, which is the view that matter is all that exists and that all phenomena that are seemingly non-material like "out-of-body experiences" must be illusions created by material processes. Atheism, by definition, is the belief that there is no God, and it often gets accompanied with the belief that there is no spiritual realm. So why should atheism come pre-packaged with materialism? Properly speaking, there is no inherent clash between Buddhism and atheism, and yet it's extraordinarily rare to encounter a self-ascribed atheist who will identify himself also as a Buddhist if asked. Ultimately, this comes from the fact that adopting the label "atheist" usually comes after reading about or speaking with others who call themselves "atheists", and that in turn encourages a system of beliefs as a bundled package that happens to include materialism.

This social nature of belief isn't inherently bad. It's just human nature. The core survival strategy for the human race has long been to gather in tribes to support one another. Throughout most of time human beings were hunters and gatherers, and in such a society disagreements about how to hunt certain beasts, which plants were edible, what the weather was likely to do and so on could easily kill the whole tribe. This gave evolution both time and an incentive to make espoused beliefs one of the ways in which human beings identify which tribes they are members of.

That said, this is critical for you to understand in order to protect your interests as an individual. It means that what you personally believe is more an indication of whom you consider kin than of what is factually true. It means that your sense of certainty - that "I know this for sure!" feeling - is not *and cannot be* calibrated to indicate the way things really are. Therefore, being absolutely sure of something is an emotion that solidifies your social identity *at the cost of your ability to perceive reality accurately*.

And it's worth bearing in mind that certainty is intensely tempting to seek. It comforts us, reassuring us that we are indeed members of the community of those who "know the truth". Devout Christians do it. Buddhists do it. Political liberals and conservatives do it. Scientists do it. These and countless other groups - in fact, practically every group in existence - forge their boundaries with certainty. We are instinctually driven to seek certainty, for the alternative is to risk being ostracized for daring to question what "everybody knows".

Bear in mind that this dynamic affects Temple members just as much as members of any other group.

This desire for certainty, this desire to agree with others, tempts Temple members to compare one another's experiences to make sure that their experiences are "valid" somehow. Newer members are inclined to ask older members whether a given understanding is "correct", even though all that older members can ever offer are their personal suspicions. All people who want to identify themselves with the label "Vampire" know, instinctually, that this is how one adopts labels and becomes accepted to a group: one identifies the key beliefs of the group and adopts them as one's own, repeating the phrases and arguments that everyone else says since in so repeating one can become a full and integrated member of the community.

This is socially accurate in other circles, but Vampirically it very much misses the point. Being integrated into a community and calling yourself a "Vampire" will not matter one iota at the moment of death. All that will matter at that time is the discipline you have applied to your life up to that point. We might be able to leverage our social instincts to aid us in our dedication to our chosen practices, but we cannot rely on those instincts to tell us which practices are or are not effective.

Therefore, an essential part of Vampiric discipline is learning how to free our minds from the trap of certainty. In other words, each of us must develop the ability to authentically think for ourselves - and not simply repeat the words espousing the value "We should think for ourselves" as that would be practicing the very error we seek to eliminate. We must move beyond all slogans to engage in a wise practice that will achieve the mental and emotional maturity we desire.

Release certainty

Fortunately, it turns out that there is a way to do this. We can seek to retrain our habits so that instead of seeking certainty, we seek to discover for ourselves the value of treating the world *as if* certain things are true. The feeling of certainty then gets replaced with a degree of trust in what we have come to find effective in our own lives. The extent to which we succeed in achieving this goal is the extent to which our minds become our own, free of the tendency to change what we believe in order to belong to any group - even the Temple.

Start by recognizing the feeling of certainty. It feels a certain way to know something for sure, often involving physical tension around the solar plexus, shoulders, and scalp. Try thinking of something you're deeply convinced of that others disagree with you about, and notice how that deep conviction feels both emotionally and physically. Notice how these sensations intensify when you encounter or think about some specific instance of someone arguing *against* your belief. An easy example would be a political topic you care passionately about; how do you feel when arguing about politics that matter a great deal to you? If there is no such thing for you, find something comparable so that you can recognize how certainty feels in your body and heart.

Understand that this feeling is a kind of self-blindness. If you are right, then reality will defend the view for you if you let it. Yet if you are wrong - or worse, are only *partially* wrong - then this feeling of absolute knowing will prevent you from changing your mind. The inflexibility of certainty is *without respect to reality*. Recognize that, yes, this applies even to this particular instance of certainty that is on your mind right now. Let that sink in for a moment.

Now, physically relax your body, especially the parts that you found correspond to the feeling of certainty. Take a few deep breaths and let the tension melt away. See if you can reach a state of calmness or at least decreased excitement. It should feel to you like you're "opening up" in some fashion.

From this position, let yourself not know the truth. Be okay with not knowing. Be open to the possibility that despite your past certainty, you might be wrong. Be open to the possibility that the other person's argument might be at least partially correct. Really, sincerely consider it. If you take a "pro-choice" stance on abortion, try to seriously consider what good exists in a "pro-life" position (or vice versa). If you believe that Christianity is a farce that just manipulates people and ruins lives, try to be open to the possibility of its at least partial truth and virtue. On whatever matter your mind settled in order to feel certainty, find a way to be willing to *feel uncertain* about the truth.

While you're doing this, be aware that there are two opposing tendencies that will come into play, *both* of which need to be countered. The first and most obvious is an unwillingness to consider the wrongness of one's own position or the rightness of an opposing one. For instance, many people feel so passionate about the abortion issue that they close down to the opposite position, branding everyone on the other side of the argument as blind or stupid or immoral or some other convenient tag. This is an instance of the tribal "us vs. them" attitude and actually emphasizes my original point: certainty is a social indicator of belonging, not a psychological indication of truth. The goal here in large part is to learn how to let go of that by *practicing* letting go. This means being willing not to know whether the position you were once certain of is correct.

The opposite and equally erroneous tendency is to drop one's original stance in favor of an opposing one. An example of this would be switching from being a political liberal to being a political conservative, or going from being an atheist to a born-again Christian. *This is the same mistake in a different guise*. All you're doing by such an action is changing tribes; you will have done nothing to free your mind from the tribal belonging instinct. When considering a stance you're inclined to disagree with, you don't need to *and should not* accept that stance in place of your old one. You just need to cultivate a willingness to not know which position - if any! - is correct. It's uncomfortable at first because it feels as though you're without a foundation, but given enough time you'll find that the wisdom you gain from being willing to not know the truth is far more meaningful than the mild comfort that certainty gives. Indeed, it's usually an incredible joy to be able to perceive the subtlety and uncertainty that underlies most phenomena worth being aware of.

One thing that can help soften the emotional intensity of this effort of not knowing is to develop compassion for those who oppose your views. Recognize that when someone engages in a passionate argument, it's because that person is frightened or hurt in some fashion and needs to reaffirm his or her identity in order to address that suffering. This is rarely conscious but is easy to see when you learn to look for it. Practice perceiving this suffering, and cultivate a desire to relieve such people from it. This will help you to avoid leaping into defending or attacking any belief, which avoidance in turn will help to keep your mind free of certainty in those beliefs in the first place. You will also most likely find that others are more willing to listen to what you have to say when you come from a compassionate stance; kindness and understanding are behaviors that indicate being part of the same tribe.

Replace knowing with "as-if" working assumptions

At some point, though, each of us needs a way of evaluating the value of an idea or course of action. In short, Vampirism advocates measuring the value of an idea not by its truth, but by its *usefulness*. We can judge an idea's usefulness by testing its results when we treat the idea as if it were true.

Let me give you an example. It is a pretty well-established scientific fact that matter is made of atoms,

and that most of the properties of matter that we're familiar with can be explained by the ways in which these atoms are arranged. This is something that matches my experiences quite well when I treat matter *as if* it were made up of atoms; for instance, I can reason about acid/base reactions in the kitchen using this view and get roughly the results I intend. Because of many, many experiences I've had when adopting a worldview that pretends *as if* the atomic theory is accurate, I have a great deal of trust that treating the world *as if* the atomic theory were true is helpful to me.

Notice, though, that this is focused on utility rather than truth. If some curious experience came to light that challenged the atomic theory, I would be surprised by that evidence but open to it nonetheless.

For a more controversial example, consider the idea that Lifeforce exists. Modern Western medicine has largely agreed that there is no such thing, that the position of vitalism (i.e. that there is some "stuff" that is the essence of life distinguishing living things from non-living ones) has been thoroughly disproven. Some forms of Eastern medicine disagree with those conclusions, and even some Western physicians argue that there might be a kind of electrical circulatory system that amounts to the same thing as what the Chinese refer to as the system of meridians ("chi flow"). (See *The Body Electric* by Robert Becker for one such example of this view.)

However, by being willing to not know the truth of the matter, we open ourselves up to the possibility that viewing the world *as if* Lifeforce were real might provide us with some considerable benefit. This is, in fact, one of the claims that Vampirism makes and that the Temple encourages its Graded members to explore. We don't ask you to come to know for certain that Lifeforce is real; that would be folly, in effect asking you to blind yourself for the sake of social recognition. All we ask is that you be open to the possibility that accepting the existence of Lifeforce as an "as-if" working assumption can produce meaningful results that simply are more difficult or perhaps even impossible to achieve by operating as if Lifeforce were not real. Gaining experiences in this vein gives you tremendous confidence in what you can achieve *in a way that is immune to arguments and peer pressure*.

Please notice, though, that it's your abilities, your "toolkit" so to speak, that is immune to argument. It's theoretically possible that someone might come along someday and explain everything Vampires do with Lifeforce in terms of human psychology, just as it's theoretically possible that someone will someday disprove the atomic theory of matter. By being willing to not know the truth, we remain open to such possibilities should they arise. But even a thorough disproof of the existence of Lifeforce cannot bear whatsoever on what you have personally found yourself capable of due to behaving *as if* Lifeforce were real. That kind of personal experience is irrefutable - which is why all of Vampirism is built upon *that* form of knowing rather than any theoretical or intellectual one fueled by the social emotion we call "certainty".

Summary

Both feeling and seeking certainty are folly for individual interests, co-opting our minds in order to identify with certain communities and to be recognized as members of those communities. This includes assigning ourselves labels such as "liberal", "rationalist", or even "Vampire".

By releasing certainty in favor of a willingness to not know the truth, we free our minds from instinctual enslavement to the tribal belonging instinct. We can release certainty by:

- noticing what certainty feels like in our bodies and hearts,
- relaxing, especially where certainty is felt in the body,
- choosing to be open to being wrong and to the possibility that other points of view might be at least partially right,
- developing compassion for those who are ensnared by the need for certainty, and
- replacing the effort to know the truth with an open effort to experiment with "as-if" working assumptions, seeking to develop trust in trustworthy "as-if" propositions rather than to develop knowledge per se.

This is an ongoing process. As we clear more and more cobwebs from our minds, we learn to perceive reality in increasingly helpful ways. We learn to see the value in all points of view, but are still able to choose strong courses of action. We can still join whichever communities we so desire, but we remain free to be ourselves rather than getting caught up in the social passions of the groups we happen to be with. This gives us the calm integrity we need to be sincere, wise, compassionate, decisive, and yet still entirely individual, even and especially within the Temple.

This is the starting point of all Vampiric practice.

Train well.

The Vampiric purpose of Dayside work

The central goal of Vampiric work is the achievement of the Vampiric Condition, a state in which you can function out-of-body while still interacting with the physical world and those within it. With enough understanding and practice, it is a fairly small leap from achieving the Vampiric Condition to being able to survive the death of your physical body.

Everything we do in this Temple is intended either to find those with the potential to achieve the Vampiric Condition or to help those who are here to realize their potential in alignment with the intentions of the Undead Gods. This is a more detailed version of what we mean when we say that the Temple Mission is "to find lost members of the Family."

Because the Dayside Secrets and the requirements for entering First Circle seem devoid of the Nightside elements that make up the Vampiric Condition, I can understand why some members might wonder how the Dayside work the Temple advocates relates to the Mission. I'd like to clarify this matter here so that everyone in this Temple can pursue Dayside work in its intended spirit. I will go over each of the six areas of Dayside work - intrapersonal, immortality, interpersonal, health, survival, and money - to explain in some detail how that area provides you with a foundation for Nightside work. I hope that in doing so, I can help you appreciate what that area can do for your Vampiric development.

Intrapersonal

The core of intrapersonal work is the development of Vampiric Will. Will is essential not just for achieving Dayside goals; that's the most primitive and easy application. Vampiric Will gives you a strong enough sense of self that you can hold your soul together after death long enough to Feed on the living. It is the kernel of intensity that allows you to retain your identity and concentration when your body's nervous system no longer does it for you.

This is a vital area of work throughout Vampiric training. The earlier you start this training, the better. This is why the Temple encourages those who first walk through the gates to start right away on developing their Will.

Conversely, a weak Will makes Lifeforce Vampirism difficult and lucid dreaming or astral projection close to impossible. It can make life seem dull, frustrating, or meaningless. It also leaves your mind open to negative influences that can cause you to become neurotic, making you believe that it is harder to develop Will in the first place.

Therefore it's especially important for your Vampiric development for you to focus on the Intrapersonal Secrets if you have a lot of self-doubts, have difficulty concentrating, feel despair or anxiety frequently, or cannot enjoy the sense of peace that is always available to you in the present moment.

That said, even those who feel fairly comfortable with themselves should work on this area if they can take the time to do so. Even the most highly developed Vampires continue to forge their Willpower as a kernel of stability for their survival after death.

Immortality

There are two main purposes for the Immortality Secrets.

First, it's important to realize that you have a tremendous advantage while you are alive: your physical body feeds your dream body. As long as you're alive, your body will give you the Lifeforce you need to survive even if you fail to take any while out-of-body. By way of contrast, after you die you *must* take this Lifeforce from those still alive in order to retain your sense of self.

The first function the Immortality Secrets perform, then, is to give you a "safety net" so that you have as good a chance as can be gotten of having your body revived so that it can again nourish your soul. In principle, reviving your body could even recover you from the Second Death. As Dayside technologies improve and the boundary for what defines physical death gets pushed farther back, this becomes an increasingly valuable resource for Vampiric work.

However, you might find it worthwhile to note that this is just the modern version of a very old Vampiric tradition. The ancient Egyptians practiced mummification for much the same reason - and that's just the best-known example.

The second main purpose for the Immortality Secrets is to help you confront and eliminate your acceptance of death as inevitable. It is difficult for anyone raised in human culture to appreciate just how powerfully that assumption affects them. Its influence interferes with nearly every facet of Vampiric work, and there invariably comes a time when one cannot meaningfully progress towards the Vampiric Condition without addressing this issue. There are many reasons for this, most of which are difficult to understand until one has experienced the weight of imminent death lifted from one's shoulders; that said, if one assumes that immortality is impossible, that will certainly interfere with efforts to become immortal, especially if those methods rely heavily on the state of one's mind.

The reason the Immortality Secrets can perform this second function is that they offer you a course of action to defeating death that you can see as being hopeful. Notice that there are two components to this: action and perception. It's vital that you come to appreciate that the Immortality Secrets really do give you a chance at surviving conditions that happen to be viewed as irrevocable death due to the limitations of modern understanding. Therefore, as you approach these, it's important that you educate yourself about them and come to accept their value. By and large there can be little cost in doing what the Temple advises in the Immortality Secrets, but the profound psychological change that will benefit you will come only if you feel you have taken realistic action to survive death.

Just be aware that People Who have gathered a tremendous amount of experience and wisdom have advocated the methods in the Immortality Secrets as the modern version of an ancient Vampiric tradition of attempted physical survival. Because of that, the Temple does not let anyone who has not taken action on the Immortality Secrets into the Priesthood of Ur as such people clearly do not recognize the Authority of Those Who suggested the Immortality Secrets in the first place.

Interpersonal

Human beings have a number of powerful instincts that cause them to orient to their society. The desire to find a mate, the inclination to be aware of social relationships (and hence to gossip), the will to establish one's place in the hierarchy of dominance, and the drive to have and get along with friends all

appear in every one of us to a greater or lesser extent by virtue of being the animals that we are.

This means that the way in which you relate to others can and probably does have a profound effect on many facets of everything you do. For our purposes, the center of concern is on whether the way you connect to others enhances or hinders your Vampiric Metamorphosis.

To be clear, most social interaction comes down to a matter of astral connection. Most of the Interpersonal Secrets rely on encouraging you to tap into the same sort of astral connection that you need for Lifeforce Vampirism. There are certainly exceptions such as NLP, which in many respects leverages the fact that most people use their living nervous system alone in order to think. But by and large, the Interpersonal Secrets could be fairly summarized as, "Form an astral connection with others and act in accord."

If you find that you have difficulty getting along with others or that you are worried or upset by social circumstances, then the problem is probably in the way you are using any astral connections you have formed with others. You are probably wasting your Lifeforce. You cannot refine your essence into something greater or attract the attention of the Undead to assist you if you throw that essence away via obsession.

Conversely, if you are "independent" in the sense of choosing not to care what others think or not letting them affect you, then you probably aren't forming astral connections at all and cannot perform the most basic act of Vampirism.

The social arena, then, gives you a testing ground for the efficacy of your Vampiric work. Can you befriend people easily? Can you encourage a meaningful emotional connection with others? If so, then your Lifeforce Vampirism has a good chance of being effective. If not, then this Dayside realm is interfering with your Metamorphosis.

Finally, it's worth noting that having good relationships with others can be a tremendous motivating factor for Vampiric work. Although immortality for its own sake is a powerful motivator for many here, many others view living forever primarily as a way of continuing their enjoyment of their social connections with friends and loved ones. If this is the case for you, then improving your relationships can make your eternity even more delightful for you.

Health

The astral and physical levels are not independent of one another. The flow of Lifeforce defines the difference between living and dead tissue, and the biological processes of the fleshy body convert the Lifeforce of food, air, sunlight, and other sources into the refined essence that makes up your dream body as a human being. This interaction is a key part of why the Vampiric Condition is possible in the first place.

When you first begin the work of Vampiric Metamorphosis, your body provides you with most of the Lifeforce you will use to survive. That life essence will become excess for you to use however you see fit as you learn to take what you need more fully from others, but early on the condition of your living flesh determines what you have to work with. A vibrant, healthy body will give you powerful reserves with which to do great work; a weak, sickly body will sap much of the Lifeforce you collect from others just to maintain itself.

Many people underestimate how powerful this influence is. They often don't understand that they can't concentrate or that they feel depressed because the biological machine in which they reside needs tuning. They don't realize that they would remember their dreams more easily if they were to eat well, exercise, get enough sleep, and breathe more deeply. Because the physical body acts as the primary source of Lifeforce for those who have not yet Risen, any deterioration of the flesh adversely affects one's mind as well - and conversely, work done to improve physical health will enhance one's clarity of mind and support Vampiric Metamorphosis.

If you find you lack the energy needed to practice the Nightside disciplines that will best assist your Vampiric development, this is probably an area you will need to focus upon. The abundance of Lifeforce you get even from small improvements in your health will assist you immensely.

Survival and Money

I lump these two together because, although they're very different in terms of pragmatics, they address the same basic need which can interfere with Metamorphosis when not met: the need for safety.

Many people today in the developed world are worried about the possibility of a new economic Depression, possibly tremendously larger than the one that struck the USA in the early 1930s. If you are among those people and you have no meaningful plan for surviving and perhaps thriving in that situation, then your fretting will sap your Lifeforce and keep you from doing meaningful Nightside work.

Or suppose that you have an okay job but it's always a mystery to you whether you'll have enough money in the bank to pay your rent on time. If this is a source of anxiety for you, you'll again have little life energy to spend on Metamorphosis.

Or perhaps you're just concerned that some thug might attack you or your loved ones. If you feel frightened of this every time you walk down the street and you have no meaningful skills in self-defense, this will obliterate your power.

Every one of these concerns is realistic. Economic collapses do occur sometimes, even if only locally due to events like natural disasters. Not having enough money for basic physical needs is a problem. People get attacked every day, and some are permanently crippled or die as a result of those incidents. So from a pragmatic standpoint, as someone who still needs to use their body to survive, it behooves you to take action that will allow you to continue your Vampiric training.

But just as important is the sense of anxiety that comes with these events. Even if none of them actually turn out to be a problem *for you*, the fear that they *could* be a problem steals away the vital Lifeforce you need to become more than human.

Therefore, the best and most sane recourse against these problems is to eliminate them.

We advocate being prepared for emergencies of every kind that you see as being reasonably likely to occur. We encourage you to develop self-defense skills and learn how to avoid situations that would cause you need to use those skills. We want you to become financially stable and even totally financially independent. Such action gives you real, meaningful security that your deepest mind can appreciate and that will actually protect you. That in turn allows you to feel free to take Nightside action, which

otherwise might feel like little more than a distraction.

Summary

Although each of the Dayside areas can certainly improve your day-to-day life (and we certainly hope they do!), that isn't the Temple's motivation for offering them. They are here because they provide a meaningful foundation for your work towards achieving the Vampiric Condition.

Intrapersonal Secrets give you the focus needed to function without a body.

Immortality Secrets free you from mortal slave programming.

Interpersonal Secrets encourage you to form the astral connections needed for Lifeforce Vampirism.

Health Secrets provide you with an essential source of power.

Survival and Money Secrets give you freedom from real dangers so that the Dayside world need not overly distract you.

As you grow in your work towards the Vampiric Condition, you will find that these Dayside Secrets become easier. Just as the Dayside supports the Nightside, the Nightside eventually aids the Dayside. This balancing of Day and Night has been the secret that has allowed Us to rule these many thousands of years, for no one operating purely in material terms can hope to match the power of an immortal Being Who perceives and uses the totality of that which is.

Before you can reach such a balance, however, you must strengthen your Dayside so that it can support Nightside work.

I hope now you can appreciate exactly why that is.

Epistemology

Epistemology is the study of knowledge - what it means to know, how one comes to know, and how knowing is different than other states of mind such as belief or ignorance. It is absolutely central to Vampiric philosophy since what the mortalkind espouse as "knowledge" universally gets them killed. Every aspiring immortal needs to develop an awareness of epistemology simply to *survive*.

All people subscribe to epistemological theories, which is to say that they make assumptions about what it means to know, to learn, to believe, to be ignorant, and so on. They are usually totally oblivious to these assumptions, which is why they will often get confused or annoyed when presented with questions like "How do you know that?" They may also use multiple and incompatible epistemological theories, such as the Christian scientist who trusts only experimental evidence in the laboratory but "just knows" that God is watching over him.

One of the principle values of being aware of epistemology is that you can recognize these theories in action. This clarifies many basic conflicts and bypasses needless arguments. For instance, the clash between evolutionary theorists and creationists is really an epistemological disagreement. Evolutionary theorists consider empiricism and the opinions of scientific peers and superiors to be the foundation of knowledge. Creationists consider the Bible and the opinions of *religious* peers and superiors to be the foundation of knowledge. Falsifiability means nothing to creationists just as verses from the Bible mean nothing to scientists. Yet neither side seems to recognize this as the core issue, and therefore each side views the other as foolish and totally misguided.

I recently had an online conversation with a "Western ceremonial mage" who claimed to know that all people reincarnate, but people who train in ceremonial magic can develop the willpower needed to choose *how* they reincarnate. After a great deal of prodding, I got him to admit that he "knew" this because he felt strongly that this was true "in his soul" when he was nine years old and the feeling has remained with him ever since. I thanked him for explaining his epistemological stance to me, to which he replied, "I try not to have an epistemological stance on anything that can get in the way of my will."

There are two important things to notice here. First, his epistemological theory is *perfectly valid* (if perhaps incomplete). It defines knowledge (whatever he "feels in his soul") in a way that lets him distinguish between knowing and other mental states. The problem from a Vampiric point of view is not that he's wrong (although he is according to Vampiric epistemology - more on that below). The problem is that he has not evaluated whether this epistemological perspective yields the results he's aiming for. In particular, this belief about knowing being an experience felt "in the soul" allows him to come to conclusions that will, absolutely, kill him. For instance, his "soul"-derived knowledge caused him to reject any promising scientifically-based approach to the preservation and revivification of the body after death out-of-hand without even researching it because "that just can't work."

The second thing to notice here is that even though he was intimately familiar with the term "epistemology" and could describe various epistemological theories (as evidenced later on in the conversation), he clearly has no conception that he even *has* a theory of knowledge. Even when it's pointed out to him, he remains totally oblivious to its influence on his view of what is real, trustworthy, or worth doing. He is perfectly ignorant of his ignorance.

It is to the Vampire's advantage to acquire a reasonable grasp of epistemology so that he can use it to free

his mind from the inane babbling of the dying masses. What I've just described above is the norm: hardly anyone reflects on how they know what they know and whether their method of knowing produces desirable results in their lives. To call this pivotal in Vampiric Metamorphosis is an understatement. A grasp of Vampiric philosophy contends, in my opinion, with Dayside immortality in importance for developing a stable Dayside life and embracing the perspective of a predator of humans.

To that end, I describe three particularly pertinent classes of epistemological theory below: naïve, mystical, and Vampiric. There are many, many more general theories of knowledge than these three, but these recur so often in areas of Vampiric concern that they are worth understanding and being aware of.

Naïve epistemology

Naïve epistemology is the one absorbed from the culture. Western cultures tend to assume that knowing is being aware of a claim that is true in addition to having some correct justification for why it's true. Yet "correct" needn't mean "logical." I can't tell you how many times I've heard mathematics students in college tell me that they know a formula is correct "because my teacher told me so, and it gets the same answer as the book does when I use it." A mathematician (using rationalist epistemology) would cringe, but the fact is that this justification is totally legitimate. The student just has a naïve view of what defines knowing.

The foundation for this epistemological "theory" is peer pressure together with cognitive consonance. This is why the argument, "So many people can't possibly be wrong" is so compelling to most people. It comes from tens of thousands of years of human tribes surviving by agreeing with one another. If one member of the tribe disagreed with the others that was a threat to the unity needed to continue surviving. This gave evolution time and a reason to imprint a hesitation in becoming a sole dissenter into every individual.

Cognitive consonance dictates that people will change what they consider to be true in order to reconcile a contradiction they cannot ignore. You see this pattern, for instance, in people who are kicked out of organizations. Such people have to convince themselves that the organization is actually bad in some way in order to reconcile their situation with their belief that they are in the right. Then, because of peer pressure, they yell and scream loudly about how evil the organization in question is in the hopes that others will align with them and, therefore, validate their accusations.

In practice, this is the origin of the conviction behind belief. To believe is to pretend that something is true. This is not what most people *think* "believe" means, but this is what they actually do. People believe that the sun will rise tomorrow, so they plan accordingly. They believe in God, so they pray and go to church and proselytize. That belief becomes knowledge because they must reconcile their actions with their assumptions (cognitive consonance) and because others agree with them. Furthermore, this means that the more people who agree with them, the more true their beliefs are - and conversely, people who disagree with them threaten their certainty.

The latter point is particularly ferocious because evolution has encouraged tribes to beat on the lone wolf until he aligns with popular opinion or dies. This is why people become so vicious when they know they're right (i.e. they are part of a group of people who agree) and are confronted with someone who disagrees with them. When *both* sides have social support (such as in any major political issue like abortion), both parties are absolutely convinced of their position and are driven by a need to kill the other stemmed only by fear of social disapproval of murder.

The conclusion that knowledge is at least in part an awareness of something true does not actually follow directly from naïve epistemology. This epistemological theory is cross-cultural, but you find a slightly different theory of knowledge in the East. The reason this conclusion comes about is because of Western *metaphysics*. Metaphysics is in many ways just as valuable as epistemology and forms one of the three central branches to Vampiric philosophy (the three branches being metaphysics, epistemology, and ethics). However, in the interest of keeping this discussion focused, I will not go into metaphysics here. I will simply point out that epistemology interacts with one's assumptions about the nature of reality in order to produce conclusions. The naïve Western definition of knowledge provides one example of this.

However, it is vital to notice that hardly anyone is aware of using this epistemological theory. Most people have no idea that beliefs become knowledge via others' agreement. They think they know things because they have good reason to do so. However, it has been proven that you can get others to "remember" things that have never happened and get them to hallucinate (both in terms of seeing something that isn't there and not seeing something that is) just by surrounding them with people who behave accordingly. This is the result of a weak Will together with ignorance of epistemology.

Yet there is a loud contingent of people in modern western politics that is at least partially aware of naïve epistemology. Such people argue that since knowledge is fundamentally social in nature, the validity of any idea can be evaluated only within the context of the culture from which it emerged. These people tend to advocate an extreme form of cultural relativism, which in practice often means that any non-Western ideals are automatically considered to be better than Western ones. From such camps you will find things like "afrocentric feminist epistemology" as a way of "challenging" presumably corrupt, Western, middle-aged, masculine ideas like private ownership of land and getting paid more for producing more. Adherents to such a socialist epistemology are free to ignore evidence such as the history of China and the atrocities that "harmonious" African tribes inflict upon each other because evidence procedure is "merely" a Western, masculine, biased way of coming to conclusions.

Fortunately, this level of extremism is relatively rare and much smaller than it is loud.

It's worth noting that naïve epistemology permeates all human endeavors to some degree or another, even here on this message board. That's neither bad nor good. It's simply a truth that you can observe. I encourage you to be aware of it, particularly in yourself, so that you can choose how and to what degree it affects you. Knowing that self-doubt is usually *social* in origin can do a great deal to alleviate your need for others' agreement.

Mystical epistemology

Mysticism maintains that there are ways of directly knowing the true, hidden nature of reality that do not rely on sensory information. In fact, should such "divine revelation" contradict sensory experience, it is assumed that your *senses* are deceiving you and that your received knowledge is to be trusted above any evidence. This was the epistemological stance of my acquaintance who derived truths based on what he "felt in his soul."

Mysticism emerged because of a type of experience that is hardwired into the human brain. Most spiritual practices, when done in a particular way that is often seen as being the most sincere, help to shut down the part of the brain that is responsible for the sense of individual identity. When one has no sense

of self as separate from one's experiences, there is no room for suffering or frustration ("*dukkha*" in Buddhist traditions) since there is no one who can suffer or feel frustrated. In particular, this ends the fear of death since there is no one who can die. That resolves the most fundamental conflicts in the mortal mind, encouraging a kind of basic trust in the benevolence of the universe. The universe is felt as loving, conscious, and therefore purposeful. It's a wonderful experience for those who have lived their entire lives trapped under the crushing weight of mortality.

From a Vampiric perspective, what these enlightened people are seeing as the consciousness radiating from all things is actually *their own* consciousness. When you have no ego boundary, there's no reason to separate your functioning from that of the rest of the universe. This awareness that apparently radiates from everything is *your own awareness of your surroundings*. It's a bit like the man who, upon looking into a mirror, becomes enamored of this other person and forgets that he is looking at his own reflection.

This "realization of oneness" - experience without an experiencer - comes with a sense of immense clarity. Such an experience so obviously and radiantly exposes truth that a person in this state never questions the revelations that come with it. All the previous confusions and subtleties of life suddenly melt away in a penetrating awareness that "all is one." This impression of "oneness" is a natural result of dispelling the sense of self and becoming aware of one's surroundings. After all, you experience all details, attributes, and objects within the unifying context of an experiential world, so once there is no experiencer there is only the "oneness" of experience left.

Most people who subscribe to mystical epistemology don't realize that its foundation lies in this experience. Instead, it's assumed that this "direct knowing" can be generalized to feelings, intuitions, or even wishes that the person desperately wants to have come true. Most "new age" material is saturated with this epistemological theory such that "getting a good feeling" from a crystal means that one's life will improve if one buys it. Mysticism also appears in most religious teachings, although the usual epistemological stance for religious *organizations* is the naïve one.

There are two glaring problems with this approach to knowing from a Vampiric point of view. The first is that there is no way to invalidate an impression. The line between belief and knowledge is blurred so severely that some adherents to mysticism insist on talking about "your reality" and "his reality" in order to respect everyone's "divine revelations." UFO cults are often driven by the fervor of a leader obsessed with visions bursting from his dreaming mind and trusted due to the mystical premise of knowing. Thus mystical knowing can quite literally kill the mystic.

The second problem is that mysticism encourages the dissolution of the self. After all, the self is "merely" an illusion that interferes with the perception of truth. Yet from a Vampiric point of view, it's an extremely *useful* "illusion" which must continue if immortality is to have any meaning. Mysticism dismisses the desire for immortality as emerging from delusion. Vampirism starts with the desire for immortality and rejects any view that interferes with that goal.

I should emphasize at this point, by the way, that this is not to say that mysticism is wrong. It makes no sense to ask whether an epistemological theory is right or wrong since doing so requires donning one such theory to make such a judgment. Rather, what I'm saying is that mysticism opposes the *goals* of Vampirism and is therefore unhelpful to Vampires. Whether it's helpful to anyone else depends on *their* goals.

Vampiric epistemology

Philosophy can be seen as an attempt to answer tough, fundamental questions like "What is truth?" "What is the nature of reality?" and "What is the nature of moral behavior?" Most philosophers have tried to answer these questions sincerely, doing their best to uncover the truth behind them. Every philosophy that has emerged throughout mortal history has been an attempt to answer these questions *correctly*.

By way of contrast, all of Vampiric philosophy stems from a single practical question: "What can one do to live forever?"

This is crucial to understand. Vampires don't inherently care about what is true. Individual Vampires might find mortal philosophical pursuits entertaining as a pastime, but Vampiric philosophy is vital and living. It is not an attempt to answer fundamental questions *correctly*. It's a collection of answers *that improve one's chances for proper survival*.

*"I acknowledge the fact that survival is the highest law."
~The Vampire Creed*

To that end, Vampiric epistemology is a kind of empiricism. Very much like scientists, Vampires make educated guesses that experience can help to confirm or deny. We trust evidence above popular or expert opinion. We let our feelings of certainty fall in the face of contrary facts. We reject ideas about which experience can provide no insight. We recognize that since immortality means living forever in the realm of *experience*, any flights of fancy that do not connect directly to perception are worthless to us.

However, Vampires are not necessarily scientists. Scientists generally adhere to the metaphysical viewpoint of materialism, which is to say that they view matter as real while minds, emotions, and consciousness are seen as illusions emerging from material processes such as brain activity. This means that the only type of experience that counts as an authentic scientific observation is a material one such as from experiments performed in laboratories. Impressions, feelings, dreams, and other subjective sensations are not considered acceptable forms of data from which to derive scientific conclusions.

(To be fair, I should note that I'm referring specifically to the natural sciences such as physics rather than social sciences like psychology. Furthermore, there are many natural scientists such as Amit Goswami who challenge the materialist paradigm, although they tend to receive no small degree of ridicule from the scientific community.)

Vampires find it unhelpful to suggest that our subjective experiences are somehow "less real" than the world we seem to see objectively. Instead, Vampiric metaphysics maintain that *experience* is the foundation. That is to say, all experience is real. Dreams, emotions, thoughts, and intuitions are considered to be every bit as real as cell phones, books, and the internet. Anything and everything you experience is real. After all, it exists enough that you can experience it!

Thus all experience, not just some exalted subset of it, is considered in Vampiric epistemology.

Yet being practical, Vampiric philosophy acknowledges that there is some kind of difference between "subjective" and "objective" experience. It is exactly the schizophrenic's failure to make such a distinction that causes us to lock him up.

However, it is important to recognize that the only gauge we have for whether an experience is "objective" or "subjective" is *whether other conscious entities can experience it as well*. No matter how

certain you are that you have a computer, if no one else can experience it then your perception of a computer is, by definition, a hallucination.

In Vampirism, we call this principle "Agreement" with a capital 'A'. Agreement is the degree to which other conscious entities' experiences correspond with your own. It is therefore Agreement and not some ontological truth that distinguishes "objective" experiences from "subjective" ones.

Again, this is not a claim about what is true. This is an observation about what is *practical* in order to improve one's chances for survival. For all practical purposes, Agreement is more important than any ontological distinction between thoughts and objects. Therefore it is Agreement and not objectivity that is of Vampiric concern.

In Vampiric epistemology, knowledge is defined to be experience that one is aware is supported by Agreement. Notice that knowledge is not any version of "a true conception." All experience is real, and therefore all information gained through experience is "true" in the usual sense of "corresponding to ontological reality." Instead, knowledge is experience that you can trust other conscious entities will *regard* as real.

Consider bedside visitations, for instance. People around the world commonly report that at or very near the time of a loved one's death, they will suddenly wake up to find their loved one standing at their bedside. Sometimes they have a conversation in which the deceased explains what's going on and says goodbye. Unless someone else saw the apparition there as well, from a Vampiric perspective the person who saw their dead loved one does not know that the "ghost" really was who they thought it was. He doesn't even know if it *happened*. (It could have been a dream, for instance.) All he knows is that he was aware of the time when the loved one died. That much can be checked with other conscious entities. That experiences like this happen ("objectively") at all can become known by researching the fact that many other people report very similar experiences. Those people provide Agreement that such things happen. Yet these others cannot provide any Agreement that *this particular* experience happened: they cannot guarantee that he didn't simply have a dream. Such Agreement would have to come from someone else who also experienced the same loved one in this way. (Such multiple bedside visitations are not unknown, by the way.)

This gives us a great deal more flexibility than scientists have. Scientists would have to run thousands of people through millions of tests and correlate peer-reviewed papers in order to determine whether telepathy is real. All we have to do is try it and check the results. If we can get results with telepathy (meaning that the person with whom we have a telepathic exchange Agrees on the nature of that exchange), then we know telepathy is real. There might be some kind of scientific explanation for our results, but *for all practical purposes* telepathy is real if we can make it work for us in such a way that other conscious entities treat it as real.

This is what we mean by "validation." The Temple requires members to personally validate all of the Temple's claims. This doesn't mean one must remove all possibility of doubt. That's impossible. Vampires are *always* willing to be proven wrong given further evidence. What we mean is that you should discover for yourself that the experiences we describe are, for all practical purposes, supported by the experiences of other conscious entities.

For instance, we require Initiates to validate the reality of Lifeforce. The first step in doing so is to seek out experiences of Lifeforce and its consequences. This means practicing Lifeforce Vampirism, working with Lifeforce to heat or heal your body, investigating the abilities of people who claim to be capable of

controlling Lifestance (by whatever name), or otherwise seeking out experiences that (a) could reasonably be considered consequences of Lifestance existing and (b) are cross-checked with other people. These others needn't know that you're testing Lifestance: I often tell people when I'm healing them that I'm using meditation to increase electrical activity in my nerves, thereby stimulating their nerves where I touch so that their bodies know how to heal the damaged area. However, they *do* heal, which tells me that for all practical purposes Lifestance is real. Thus I know (even if you, dear reader, do not) that Lifestance exists.

It is equally important to seek out experience that would *invalidate* an idea. If I heard that some scientific discovery of the human nervous system really does explain most or all of my experiences that I've attributed to Lifestance, then I would immediately investigate it. I would even discard the idea of Lifestance if the evidence against it seemed solid. I'm not whatsoever interested in holding onto outmoded ideas no matter how familiar they may be to me. I want to use what *works*. This openness to being wrong grants me *meaningful* knowledge that Lifestance is real. I don't have to defend its truth. The Agreed-upon world does that for me.

This, then, is Vampiric epistemology: practical, rational, empirical, and dedicated to the greatest of all Vampiric virtues, *survival*.

Test Everything, Believe Nothing

The Temple motto is an epistemological warning. Because people are usually driven by naïve epistemology, they tend to pretend that whatever their friends say or whatever they're used to is real. Countless individuals have walked through the Temple gates determined to prove that they are experts in this or that occult subject, or that they don't need Dayside immortality because of the Nightside methods, or that there is no such thing as magic. They feel the need to gain acceptance from others here because of the usually subconscious fear of others' opinions differing from their own. Other people come in with mystical experiences such as *kensho* or meeting God in an out-of-body or near-death experience, and as a result have the strong impression that they understand some fundamental aspect of how reality really is.

Believe nothing. Cast it aside. If these perspectives are helpful, they will prove themselves so regardless of your or others' opinions. If they are cumbersome, however, it would do you well to discover that fact, which can only happen if you are open to its discovery. Be willing to be wrong, no matter how certain you are or how much evidence you think you have. What matters is not whether you know "the truth." What matters is whether your way of viewing the world allows you to live forever.

Therefore, test everything. Be willing to explore things you think you know are wrong. Be willing to check things you know are *right*, for that matter. Always ask yourself, "Do others treat this as true?" It does not matter what others *believe*. What matters is how others *behave*.

In particular, we suggest testing (but *never* believing) the claims of Vampirism. After all, if we're right - and we certainly know we are - then what we have to offer you is the surest way to immortality.

In the end, that's really all that matters.

Understanding the Undead perspective.

For a hypothetical example:

I was born in the early 1700's. None of the nations now in existence were yet formed and most of the nations then in existence are no more.

I lived an interesting life with involvement in printing and writing, followed by scientific interests and then government service as a foreign diplomat.

I married, raised children, and saw almost everyone I ever knew pass away into death. I lived a long life but my interests in ghosts and dreaming states led me to much private experimentation.

On several occasions I discovered that I seemed to be floating above my body and at that time this was a unique experience for me. And my dreams became more and more interesting with so many incidents of meetings with other people that I increasingly treated these visitations as being as real as any when I was awake.

I aged and grew infirm of body though my mind remained clear. I found that my dream life invigorated me even more than my waking world and I speculated increasingly whether or not this might be a foretaste of an afterlife.

I fell into a deep dreamless sleep at what I now know to have been my physical death and, swimming up through layers of dreams, finally came to find myself walking in a graveyard, where a funeral ceremony was taking place - my own.

There were others who stood near me and one, after looking me in the face, beckoned with his finger as he walked over to the mourners and then pointed to the bluish glow that I could see surrounding each of them. Then he inhaled in an exaggerated manner, so that I saw the bluish glowing mist flow into his body. He smiled and beckoned to me again.

And so I learned to take the Lifeforce of the living to invigorate my mind in this ghost-like state. To this event I owe my survival for I now know that otherwise my mind would have passed away as did my physical body.

I will not discuss at length the strangeness of my condition. Sometimes I could touch things around me, even people. More often it was as if I was the only solid thing in existence and the world around me was ghostlike. I did not hunger or thirst, and many other of my normal carnal drives were attenuated or absent.

Yet when I would Feed on the Lifeforce of the living, my mind would clear and, increasingly over

great time, I found I more often than not could feel the physical world, instead of only seeing and hearing it.

This world I now lived in was not the physical alone, however. I soon learned that much of what I could see and hear was dreamlike as even I was. I came to realize that these were the dreams of the living, and not merely those of people, but of animals, birds, and other living things.

Once I understood this, the confusing perceptions at least made more sense to me and, again, when I would Feed the physical tended to become more vivid and solid to me as opposed to the astral.

Freedom of movement was one great delight in this afterlife condition. Flight and floating are as easy as the thought to do so. To think of a place or a person as often as not caused me to find myself there.

As I became increasingly awake and aware, I discovered that I was becoming more conscious, more "awake" than I had ever been before. This tended to occur more and more as the confusing overlay of dreams reduced and the physical intensified.

What was surprising to me was that there were few others who seemed aware of me. Not merely the living individuals I would see and attempt to talk to, who, surprisingly seemed to reply and then forget that I was there in the next moment. I came to assume that it was my mind creating an overlay dream of their reply although even now I am not certain but what they truly are aware on a preconscious level but then do have instant amnesia. That remains a mystery among many other fascinating mysteries.

No, it was the near absence of others like myself who were awake and aware of their condition. When I would think on where such others would be, I would find myself often meeting with "presences" that I seldom could see and who seemed to offer feelings of reassurance to me that "All was well" and admonitions to "Continue forward", and the like.

This would sometimes frustrate me early on, as I have always wanted to understand the nature of things and these communications seemed far too evasive or cryptic for my scientific mind to find the least satisfying.

However, I was changing as well. It is simply difficult to convey this in words, but as I continued to become more awake, more filled with this energy of Life itself, I found that not only could I better interact with the physical world but that sometimes it would be as if I were dreaming I were a living person in that world.

I would find myself sitting in mundane surroundings looking down at my body, which was not my body at all! The first few times this happened the next moment I was completely elsewhere, in a far more dreamlike setting. However, I gradually came to realize that if I moved up from behind a living

person I could, in a sense, walk into their body and feel as if I were slipping into a face mask and able to move their arms and legs as if they were my own.

I was aware of the person's mind there as well, and usually their shock at my presence, and came to learn how to allow that smaller mind to relax and fall into a sort of sleep.

In this way I came to learn that I could, in many cases, be alive in that person's body in the same way I could formerly put on an overcoat. I also discovered that this experience further enlivened me.

At the same time, "being" other people was changing who I was for myself. I had already become quite distant from the man who had worked as a printer, a writer, a scientist, and diplomat. I had become loose in a world in which my very thought produced immediate impact and had learned to control my thoughts to guide my perceptions.

Stepping into physical bodies was sometimes, at least initially, alarming in its sensations. The fears, anxieties, hungers, lusts, aches, pains - the many bodily sensations I had not experienced for so very long except in a greatly reduced fashion - these flooded into my awareness with a power I was surprised by.

However, I have come to the conclusion that you can become accustomed to almost anything given enough time and exposure. My isolation from Others with awareness ended about at this time when I stepped into a physical body and then was confronted by another physical person who laughed, winked at me and then was gone - replaced by the confused former inhabitant.

I knew this was a contact but am unable to express in words how I knew this. But I knew.

So you must understand that all of this is a lie. I cannot truly convey to you in words what it is like to survive physical death and retain life. I cannot describe in words what it is like to communicate directly without words with Others. I cannot explain what it is authentically like to have lived for centuries as a ghost, a non-ghost, a possessor of bodies, a sentient being who is more awake and aware than you are right now.

So all of this is a lie. It is a pale shadow and a distortion of the experiences of survival.

And, in a wider sense, you could claim that I - the printer, author, scientist, diplomat - did not really survive at all. I have lived now as many men and women. I have experienced earthly life from my perspective mixed with numerous others. I have lived as a God, invisible, watching, invulnerable. I have lived in hellish confusion, unable to determine if my experiences were real or the fits of a madman. I have lived in unspeakable ecstasy, feeling joys quite beyond the imagination of those who have only been born once.

But this I know. I am here. I shall remain.

And this too I know.

You can also.

-Benjamin Franklin

1706 – 1790

I wrote the above hypothetical example in an effort to help clarify how human beings who would apply themselves to the same Nightside efforts we do here could be understood to have changed so much as to be hardly comprehensible to us now.

Place someone into a sensory deprivation chamber for a few hours and they will quickly discover how very much we depend upon feedback from perception (and the physical body) to maintain identity as a person.

Physical death removes the physical body from the equation. If you accept the possibility of the out of body experience then it is entirely reasonable to consider what would happen if that condition were maintained by a human mind (such as your own) for any real length of time.

Throughout all the cultures of the world going back as far as we still have written records, the dead have been portrayed as having to pass a test to remain "alive". Otherwise they experience the "Second Death".

When members perform Communion for the first time, they commonly expect to (hopefully) encounter a sentient Being and they expect that this will result in a communication such as you might have in meeting anyone normally in person.

However, how seldom that kind of communication seems to occur.

Yet, if you consider all of this from the perspective of Someone Who has passed through the kinds of experiences I have hinted at in my hypothetical example, I suspect you can understand better why these things happen this way.

Currently you almost certainly still identify yourself with being a human being, despite the many written Temple Teachings that point to a different option. Yet imagine for a moment how different you would look at things if, for just one example, you **knew** that you no longer had to fear anything from a survival standpoint?

Consider that the whole fabric of human civilized society is held together at the point of a gun in that

the laws that exist with regard to property ownership and personal protection are enforced by the threat of physical force.

If you no longer could be constrained by physical force, if you **knew** you could no longer be harmed or truly killed, then all of these laws would be as nothing to you. You would choose to act no longer based upon fear of enforcement at all.

By itself, how radically different would you then see yourself and your world?

How long would such a change for you take to transform how you perceived yourself?

I would suggest that it would not take very long at all.

The motives of the Undead stem from Their perspectives.

I have written the above hypothetical example in a weak attempt to suggest that such Beings are not easily understood if at all from a human perspective.

In the film "2001 A Space Odyssey" the final scenes with astronaut Bowman swiftly aging, dying, and being reborn in the presence of an alien intelligence offers another example of just how different things really could be when dealing with a truly alien perspective.

Though the Undead may have started out as human beings, that does not mean that Their motives and perspectives are transparent to us.

The toddler does not truly understand the world of the adult.

The child is wise to respect the adult's intentions and guidance, however.

"They are not human..."

Yes. That is what it means to become Transhuman.

I think of the difference between a mature adult and a toddler.

Now extend that the other way, and compare a mature human "adult" of let us say seventy years old to an individual who has lived through the equivalent of three such lifetimes, say, 210 years.

The difference would be just as dramatic and meaningful.

Now there are a few myths that can attempt to undercut this.

One is the myth that the older one becomes the less capable they are of learning. The book *The Brain That Changes Itself* neatly disposes of that myth with rigorous research and successful applications of that research.

Another myth is that the older one becomes the more entrenched in their perspectives they become. This really is only a variation on the assumption that age reduces learning capabilities.

In actuality, barring disease of the brain, the older you become the richer the number of experiences you will tend to draw upon and the more evidence of what does and does not work in the world gathers in your awareness.

Yes, you can adopt a perspective that blocks you from thinking. You can assume that you are certain about the facts of reality such that you refuse to consider new evidence (or even old evidence). That is the perspective of religious fanatics such as evangelical Christians or Muslims (or "born-again" atheists, for that matter!).

However, living long enough continues to rub reality in your face. Given enough time it should seem reasonable to expect that even the most diehard fanatic will surrender to reality ...no matter how weird reality turns out to be!

Over the years since the Temple pushed these ideas out into public view I have seen many individuals who come here and are impatient with getting the results that Others took literal lifetimes to accomplish.

So we begin at the ground level with Dayside issues.

Someone wants to rule the planet? We urge them to learn how to hold down a job that pays the rent first.

Someone wants to know they can live forever? We urge them to avoid making health errors, strengthen their emergency survival skills, and choose scientific means to preserve their bodies for possible restoration to life if worst comes to worst.

Someone wants to be able to fly in the air like Superman? We urge them to first learn how to walk on the ground like a normal man.

Of all the Dayside Secrets, the most resistance I see to applying them is with regard to money

management. And since the Dayside equivalent of Lifeforce **is** money I find that very telling.

"Everything's easy once you know how to do it." -Ray Charles.

Once a member learns to down chunk eating the Dayside elephant by learning to do it in bite size pieces there comes a point when I see a post, or get a PM or email that remarks about now that the situation is under control and the plans are being implemented, it all seems so obvious and even pretty easy to do.

Yet all we have done here is to carefully assemble the best answers to the most common Dayside problems that are normal to a human being: health, money, survival, will power, social communication, and surviving death.

All of the Dayside answers the Temple offers (and continues to look for and improve upon) were invented by other people wholly or in part. We have only attempted to assemble the streamlined essence of these answers all in one place.

Now if it really only takes between a few weeks or a few months to apply these solutions to the most common and pressing Dayside problems, imagine the perspective of someone who has "been there and done that" dozens of times over. Imagine the wisdom and patience of someone who has encountered the entire gamut of the human situation many times over and has lived to tell the tale!

That is a small part of what we are dealing with when we consider the perspective of an Undead God.

Think of the smartest, most worldly wise person you can imagine. Think of the value of the kind of advice such a wise one could offer you.

Now consider what it would be like to encounter someone with twice that experience.

Now consider what it would be like to encounter someone with ten times that amount of experience.

The Nightside of the Temple offers a very simple proposition.

Any human being less than 150 years old is not yet an adult.

In essence Those Who live longer have become something greater.

They are not human.

They are Transhuman.

The toddler will not survive without the direct assistance of **some** adult.

The child will not survive with the direct instruction of **some** adult.

If the assistance or instruction of **all** adults is inadequate, death is the result.

The assumption I see is that so-called human "adults" (of a normal human lifespan reared in a culture that values death over life, and inverts almost every pleasure as "evil" and most pain as "good") are valid benchmarks to judge the trustworthiness of a **true** adult Who may have lived far, far longer and learned

what is actually what.

I think that assumption is flawed.

The human world is a neurotic mess dominated by deathism.

The slightest application of reason to the human culture points to the Six Earthly Secrets that are promoted here in this Temple for Dayside mastery.

To apply reason to the ethics and actions of Transhumans Who have actually attained **true** adulthood can be approached hypothetically. I agree.

However...

The assumption that human beings are inherently "evil" or "botched" comes from a deathist perspective.

The assumption that human beings cannot learn or acquire new skills comes from a deathist perspective.

The assumption that the most abject moron human being **cannot** be amplified through the coming genetic and information and nanotech revolution into a Transhuman God comes from a deathist perspective.

In this Temple we keep the door open to the potential of the future.

Some enter and cannot break free of the deathist human culture.

They fail.

Sometimes if they have not burned their bridges, they learn more later and return.

This has happened.

We cannot know if an individual who comes here will exercise their potential or not.

It is not a matter of intelligence, either. I have seen highly intelligent people come here, leave, and are now dust.

I will not pretend that this perspective is an easy one to wrap your mind around.

But here is where the rubber meets the road:

People **can** and do **change**.

When we assume that this is not true and assume that an individual is simply "born" this way and **cannot** change, that fits perfectly into the deathist human culture.

That is a simplistic **assumption**.

In other words, the evolutionary gap between Them and us is far, far more than just that of an adult to a

child.

It is **exponentially** different.

So if we project the same stupid errors and assumptions that are part and parcel of human society onto the psychology of true Transhumans, then we could expect vicious, sadistic, psychopathic monsters who delight in torturing innocent animals and humans.

Is that what we experience and see in our own history?

Quite the contrary.

According to the Teachings, They do view human beings as another kind of animal ...but an animal with Potential to become as They are.

Teaching these "animals" (us) these things **consciously** is what the entire Temple is about from the Nightside and Twilight perspectives.

However, to reiterate, you can trust that you will never be asked to do anything that is self-destructive or against your own best judgment from this Temple or the Leadership of this Temple.

If you ever think that you are asked such things, just don't do them.

We are about survival, not self-defeat - Dayside, Nightside, and Twilight.

Trust yourself.

In time you may come to be able to trust Them as well.

Test Everything. Believe Nothing.

We mean it.

If the Undead are real then....

The following was part of an email reply made to a member:

You stated, "Also, I know for a fact that that Others exist Who have already done what I want to do. Not entirely sure how They got there yet, but I assure you I know They are there."

I am going to challenge you to consider then why you seem to be unwilling to trust what They have offered.

If you **really** knew They were real would you still doubt Them?

I can even break this down logically.

They are either trustworthy entirely, somewhat, or not at all, right?

If They are entirely trustworthy then it makes sense to follow the instructions They offer.

If they are somewhat trustworthy or **not** trustworthy at all, and you therefore decide to **not** follow Their instructions, then what difference does that make in your life anyway **long term**?

None. You will then age and die, and either will or will not survive physical death.

I am reminded of Pascal's Wager in which he suggested that accepting Christian salvation had no downside and only a possible upside, and therefore made sense to do.

This is really not different in kind as far as I can see.

The abyss that is crossed by **truly** entering Third Circle is to accept that They are real and can help guide you.

Then because of the nature of perception in our makeup, more **can** become available to support that supposition.

In other words, you can't swim until you get into the water.

On another side of this issue, I commonly see all too many members with a resistance to such things - even as they are willing to seek advice and assistance from others with more experience in this or that topic.

But they are seduced by **scientism** - the belief system that pretends to be science and claims that materialism explains everything - even though this was **proven** to be wrong in physics in the last century more than twenty years ago (Alain Aspect validating Bell's Theorem).

So since they lay claim to the omniscience of Jehovah (or Richard Dawkins), and pretend that they already know everything that is possible or impossible with certainty. They already "know" that Undead Gods cannot exist since they already "know" there are no astral bodies, no out of body experiences, no telepathy, no clairvoyance, etc.

The overwhelming scientific evidence that demonstrates the reality of these things they must ignore and debunk.

However this is not science.

Not even close.

It is the false religion of scientism.

I refer you to only one book to demonstrate these facts: *The End of Materialism* by Charles Tart. I have almost finished reading it myself.

I do intend to write a detailed book review of this remarkable tour de force but the book in and of itself is worth getting, reading, and studying. Tart is a legitimate scientist and early parapsychologist. He knows of what he writes.

We live in a very weird world in this regard. Most people have "paranormal" experiences and therefore these experiences are "normal" and not "paranormal" at all. Yet most people if pressed will not admit to a belief in the possibility of ghosts, ESP, etc. due to the social pressures that have resulted from scientism over the last 100 years or so.

Thus we see people who have to have heart attack, drop dead, be resuscitated, and **then** be willing to admit that after having had an NDE that was more vividly real than anything they **ever** experienced before, that there is more to reality than what science has currently identified.

So the Temple suggests that instead of waiting for a heart attack and hoping to be one of the 20% who tend to have an NDE, that you roll up your sleeves and have an OBE without dying. Do the work required to verify what is what on each level of the Temple.

Be different from the masses who only look for permission from authority figures to decide what they can or cannot accept as real!

So returning to my original thought, just consider that if you honestly know They are real then ask yourself what advantage there is to not trusting Their instructions?

I will add that They are **not** asking you to screw up your Dayside life in any manner that I am aware of. No request that you sell all of your worldly possessions and sit on a hilltop waiting to be rescued by UFOs or Jesus. No cyanide-laced Kool-Aid. No vows of chastity or poverty.

To the contrary, as you well know, our members are asked to pull together serious Dayside plans and to quietly go about testing the Nightside Teachings through steady effort.

Just a thought to consider.

So please understand that this is not a criticism but is a suggestion.

There are **levels** of certainty regarding Their reality. But when you are really sure then you will treat what They suggest differently.

I know because I do and I am pleased to be able to state that most of those in the Priesthood do as well.

The Threat the Temple Poses

Make no mistake about it! The Temple poses a threat to many people who have a vested interest in seeing you fail at the Temple Mission for your self-empowerment. Your success draws attention to their failures and this unintentional side effect truly bothers them though they really do not even understand why.

On almost every level the Temple offers self-verifiable proof that challenges the self-defeating rationalizations so common to the human herd.

From the Dayside alone, the Temple is a huge threat to the complacent and willful ignorance that allows most people to avoid the unpleasant feeling that they are wasting their lives.

In the Intrapersonal Secrets the Temple offers direct and immediately verifiable methods to strengthen your willpower, to master your emotions, and to enable you to overcome the internal fears, guilt, and frustration that are the norm for the average human being.

This flies in the face of a world in which the plight of the victim is trumpeted as the universal excuse for personal failure. "It's not my fault!" they shout when they see dream after personal dream die before their eyes. "It's somebody else's fault!" is their claim over and over.

The blame game ends in the face of the facts the Temple offers in challenge to such self-crippling assertions. And this challenge to rise to self-mastery and mental strength is a threat the Temple poses to the vast majority who do not want to feel responsible for their failures.

And so they deny it is possible. They deny it can work. And they remain as they are as they sink into obscurity and personal pain.

In the Immortality Secrets the Temple really becomes a terrible threat. As long as people can rely on death as the inevitable escape from their futile and painful lives, all is well. The human herd needs the reassurance that life is sad, painful, and a "veil of tears" which is ended by the "certainty" of their personal death.

Then the Temple comes forward and threatens all of that with two scientifically reasonable ways that the individual can use to defeat death! Requiring no belief in an afterlife, the Temple threatens the comfort zones of both the religious and the atheist.

We unintentionally offend the religious with the simple demonstration that everything desirable in their fantasy heavens is already on the engineering drawing boards for modern evolving technology including physical immortality itself. Futurists with a proven track record like Ray Kurzweil are increasingly agreeing that future technology will essentially bring about a "heaven" on Earth.

We unintentionally offend the atheist by confronting these non-believers in any afterlife with the obvious need for them to take action to survive. This threatens their emotionally-based rejection of life even more than the religious believers since they have even fewer excuses to offer for such suicidal choices.

Thus the Temple unintentionally threatens the emotional defenses of both the believers and non-believers alike!

Then in the Interpersonal Secrets, the Temple threatens the tribal assumptions of most of humanity in that we suggest that learning how to communicate effectively with people can be learned and implemented to remove most of the problems in dealing with other people. The Temple cuts through the morass of human-hating assumptions that people in general use to blame others for their own failed communications.

When the Temple states that learning these skills of communication can get others to cooperate with you willingly instead of having to use threats of power or tricks of deceit, this offends the vast majority of people who daily justify their own ineffective and self-sabotaging use of power and deceit.

We threaten their rationalizations and cause clear light to be shed on their pretenses. In this way the Temple threatens their sense of self which is identified with their fairy tales of self-justification. "People are all just assholes," is quickly lampooned when the Temple offers methods to assist people to offer to help you once you know how to effectively ask for their help.

In the Health Secrets the Temple threatens the numerous belief systems of the masses that you cannot feel good, and live longer than the usual human lifespan while enjoying doing so. To every emotional health fad, the Temple offers a threat by looking to the results that can be obtained without such assumptions.

Thus those who have invested themselves in assuming that this or that diet, medical procedure, exercise regimen, etc., is the final word in the "best possible" health effort are upset by the Temple pointing to the improvements that continue to surface as the technology improves.

In the Money Secrets the Temple threatens the popular need for the masses to justify their ongoing work slavery as inevitable. By clearly showing simple pathways to increasing income, decreasing debt, and attaining financial independence through proven investment methods, the Temple pops the belief balloon that there is no real way to become wealthy.

For the vast majority of people this is not an appealing idea because it challenges the excuses they offer for complaining about "the rich" and the powers of "evil multinational corporations" or "the evils of capitalism". The Temple threatens the safety of blaming personal financial problems on other people and groups by offering a way to solve those problems directly by the individual. For this too we are hated.

Additionally, the Temple is hated for our claims for the Nightside, the paranormal side of reality.

When the Temple states that you can verify for yourself the usefulness of our Nightside claims by following certain procedures this is upsetting to all those who have decided that such things are "impossible".

When the Temple explains that you can test and personally verify the secrets behind the so-called "miracles" of the world religions **without** relying upon any of their belief systems, this is very threatening to the true believers of those religions.

When the Temple offers direct guidance to verify lucid dreaming, the out of body experience, telepathy, clairvoyance, psychokinesis, etc., this threatens the world view of classical materialists - those who

assume that human science basically knows all there really is to know about reality and we only need to finish filling in a few small gaps to have a complete TOE (Theory of Everything).

So when the Temple points out the ever-present occurrence of these paranormal events cross-culturally and throughout recorded history, we are a threat to these "omniscient" materialists who deny that such things **can** exist. When we offer to teach how to test and do them yourself then we are hated by these "true disbelievers".

And when the Temple suggests that there may be Others Who have already accomplished such things and may be in active communication with the Temple, this threatens just about everyone imaginable. It threatens the all-knowing cynic as much as the faith-based religious believer. It threatens the occultnik "ceremonial magician" as much as the dyed-in-the-wool materialist.

When the Temple then suggests that it is possible to verify such communications personally then we galvanize the threat we offer to a world filled with those who have formed deep emotional needs to believe that human beings are at the top of the food chain and the history of the world they have been taught to believe in is the absolute truth.

The suggestion that the Temple then adds that you, too, can attain to that level of mastery and power is the most threatening of all.

So make no mistake about it. Your participation as a member of the Temple whether only from the Dayside or through the Nightside and Twilight is perceived by most of the world as a threat.

It is a threat to their need to protect their feelings of comfort as they are marching numbly to the slaughterhouse of human mortality.

Remember the threat you pose and do not be quick to assume that the mortal will understand why you are driven with joy and determination to test and prove to yourself the many Temple claims.

Test Everything. Believe Nothing.

For them these words are a threat.

For us it is a guideline to living and loving!

And that is the single thing that truly divides us from them more than any other factor:

We are alive to life and growth.

They are closed.

We are open.

Welcome!

The so-called "paranormal" does not require belief

You really do not have to believe in the paranormal at all for two reasons.

First, if you choose to operate primarily from the Dayside then the so-called paranormal does not matter anyway. Given enough time and a little luck all of the Temple claims can still be achieved through the Dayside alone.

Second, the paranormal does not require belief. It only requires investigation and a willingness to give up an irrational stance of a fundamentalist true believer of one kind or another.

The evidence for what we today call the paranormal is not small. It is overwhelming.

All cultures throughout **all** of recorded history indicate that people have had paranormal experiences throughout.

To pretend that all of this by itself could simply be hallucination, hoax, and self-delusion actually requires faith that billions of people for thousands of years have all been fools or insane or both.

That by itself seems to be an extraordinary claim that lacks any meaningful evidence, to paraphrase the late Carl Sagan.

Then we simply need to look at what more modern scientific evidence has offered in looking at these things.

Dean Radin examined through meta-analysis (the same scientific statistical method used to verify that aspirin reduces heart disease) the evidence for the paranormal over the last one hundred years of scientific study and determined it has been proven to exist. This was summarized in his book *The Conscious Universe*.

Finally, despite this accomplishment, the failure of parapsychology to succeed in moving beyond statistical proof to authentic control of such phenomena has been due to some fundamental errors of protocol. Scientists have been guilty of asking the wrong kinds of questions to advance scientific understanding of the paranormal. This issue is described in depth in Lawrence LeShan's book *The World of the Paranormal: The Next Frontier*.

Frankly, and this is stated without rancor but as simple fact, anyone who actually assumes that the paranormal requires belief has simply not looked at the evidence and proofs that demonstrate that it is most assuredly very real.

So you do not need to believe in the paranormal at all. You need to "Believe Nothing, Test Everything", and the testing in this case can be as simple as investigating the documented evidence I have mentioned here.

About the Nightside...

New members are sometimes a little confused about how we handle Nightside topics in the Dayside forums on the Lifeforce message board.

The Nightside refers to all of the so-called "paranormal" experiences that are not yet scientifically proven in the normal sense of that word.

For example, lucid dreaming is actually a Dayside topic because the ability to be conscious in a dream has been proven to be real in scientific experiments in which dreamers have been able to communicate with the waking world through coded eye movement signaling.

On the other hand, despite thousands of years of evidence, the out of body experience (OBE) has not yet acquired a clear scientific acceptance as an objective event in reality.

Frankly, there are some very gray areas in which this can be argued pro and con.

For example, the same statistical method (meta-analysis) for proving that aspirin can reduce the incidence of heart disease when applied to research studies of psychic phenomena results in also proving that telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition, psychokinesis, etc. are real. Dean Radin's book *The Conscious Universe* summarizes these proofs.

However, what we have done here on the message board is to generally view those experiences which mainstream science still views as unproven as "Nightside", as opposed to what is viewed by mainstream science as proven as "Dayside".

Additionally, as research results continue to come in, what may be considered Nightside today may very well become Dayside tomorrow.

Because we have members in the Dayside forums who have not personally verified to their own satisfaction elements of the Nightside, we work there from the "lowest common denominator" of agreement about what is "real".

In other words, in the non-Graded forums, we are careful to not treat Nightside topics as proven out of respect for those members who have not proven them!

This creates a very wonderful degree of mindful tension in our discussions here in the Dayside forums.

Just as **outside** the Temple we have to daily deal with people who do not have a clue about many things that are handled neatly in the Temple (such as the many Dayside secrets we are aware of to better our lives, extend our lives, and even beat death), **inside** the Temple in the Dayside forums we need to deal with each other with respect to the varying level of validation each member possesses.

For Graded members who have validated different aspects of the Nightside, we try to remember to not assume that others in the Dayside forums have the same understanding.

Likewise, Dayside Vampires who may be entirely skeptical with regard to psychic phenomena also strive to remember that there are Graded Vampires posting in the Dayside forums who have personally gone beyond skepticism on many such topics.

Everyone comes here with a different background, a different history, and a different set of assumptions about what is real with regard to the Nightside.

For example, you will find that we have members who not only treat psychic phenomena as real but have been engaged in doing so professionally and publicly for many years. As I have tried to explain to some of my non-Temple friends over the years who are adamant in their certainty that all psychic phenomena is "bunk", I have a problem with that view since I personally **know** better.

Here is a specific example that comes to mind: the OBE. Those of us who have had fully conscious out of body experiences and while in that condition acquired validating information that demonstrated the event was real are not going to be swayed by the skepticism of anyone else. If you have been to New York City you will not be swayed by arguments of those who claim that there is no such place!

At the same time, it would be discourteous for those of us who have had validated OBEs to not treat with respect the skepticism of other members who have **not** had such experiences.

In the Dayside forums we perform this balancing act with regard to such things out of respect for each other. Dayside Vampires are asked to not assume that unproven phenomena are "impossible" and Graded Vampires are asked to remember that in the Dayside forums there are other members who have skepticism regarding the existence of such things.

Reality is what it is.

Because this fundamental is true, keeping this truth in mind removes the need to **require** anyone else to ever agree with our own views on this or that.

The Dayside Vampire does not need to defend his skepticism and the Graded Vampire does not need to defend his validations.

Because everything we do in this Temple revolves not around what can be proven as "true" but, instead, about what can be proven as **useful** there is never a need for argument.

I hope this helps clarify how and why we handle the discussion of Nightside topics in the way that we do.

Faith in Materialism - a superstition.

There is a common dodge by some "scientists" to assume that if they can offer any kind of explanation for what happens physically then this "explains" such things as the out of body experience, for example.

Michael Persinger, a medical researcher in Canada, applies pulsing magnetic fields to certain parts of the brain, a volunteer has an out of body experience or perceives "aliens" in the room, and then Persinger says that this "proves" it was all a hallucination.

It proves nothing of the sort.

It only demonstrates that sometimes using pulsed magnetic fields you can induce an out of body experience or the experience of perceiving "aliens" in the same room with you.

Persinger does not even consider the possibility that his magnetic fields might be enabling the brain to perceive and do things that otherwise it does not seem to do.

He assumes there is no astral body that could leave the physical body and so he is looking only for what could cause these "hallucinations".

He assumes that there is no one else in the room that the subject reports because Persinger does not see anyone else.

Perhaps Persinger should consider that the subject is now capable of seeing things that Persinger is still blind to!

It is quite sad to see these otherwise intelligent researchers ignore reports from their subjects when they acquire information they "should" not know while having an out of body experience!

But, over and over again, people do exactly that! They continue to have out of body experiences commonly in life threatening situations (such as the near death experience or NDE) and report back information they acquired while away from the body which is then verified as correct.

For the Vampire it is necessary to remember that the ignorant superstitious belief in classical materialism (disproven by physics for more than a century now) is common and stubbornly maintained by many scientists in other fields.

They should really know better but long held beliefs are difficult for the average person to challenge and break free from - especially when all of your peers still seem to view any other perspective as heresy.

The Vampire must recognize that these "authorities" have their own deeply held prejudices just as one would expect from members of a fundamentalist Christian church when confronted with evidence for evolution.

"Materialism" is a faith that has been disproven by science.

This is important to remember since we are still surrounded by "scientists" who are true believers in that faith!

Test Everything. Believe Nothing.

Especially do not simply believe what the priests of a disproven religion tell you is true or false.

Look at the actual evidence and make your own judgments.

Do not just believe what you are told by anyone.

Even so-called "scientists".

Avoid literalism. Gain perspective.

It is, in my opinion, critical to remember that most of what has been published in the first two volumes of Bloodlines came from articles here in Lifeforce, first prior to the message board and then since then.

Some of these are most definitely Nightside and need to not be taken literally, but metaphorically.

All too often I have seen members read Nightside and Twilight material and then confuse it with the Dayside.

Let me compare this to the Christian Bible for a moment to make this quite clear. In that Bible there are stories of how God created the world in five days, made Adam out of clay, Moses parted the Red Sea, and so forth.

Christians today who take these stories as literally true are called fundamentalists. They actually believe the stories exactly as written. They assume the world is about 6,000 years old and Moses did part the Red Sea, and so forth.

The Temple has its stories as well but the difference is that you are told explicitly to **not** believe in these, and that there **is** metaphor involved.

Metaphor is instructive on both conscious and unconscious levels and, as such, is an important tool used by the Temple to help effect Vampiric Metamorphosis.

However, be careful to not become a "fundamentalist Vampire" by simply assuming that the stories are all literal facts.

When we enter ritual Communion we set aside our doubts and disbeliefs. When we enter into the narratives of the Temple's speculations on history, for example, we do much the same. We set aside doubts and disbeliefs to discover what taking that viewpoint does for us, how we can use it.

From the Dayside perspective, the Nightside is quite impossible. From the Nightside perspective, the Dayside is quite blind.

To be able to hold these two views sequentially as needed does indeed set up a tension between them. Just as friction can create fire, this internal friction can cause a Fire from within.

The danger is to decide that only one or the other is correct. Being either a literalist with regard to the Dayside or Nightside is inadequate to account for the facts of reality.

The parallel example I like best is that of the question, "Is a photon a particle or a wave?" And the only honest answer is that it depends upon how you look at it. Observing the photon in a particular way either reveals it to be a particle or a wave, but never both.

Yet this is "impossible" though it is also true.

The Temple recognizes that the common sense view of reality common to humankind at this time is equally inadequate to describe reality as it is.

In one form of Zen there is the use of the *koan*, a seemingly impossible puzzle which the student is asked to contemplate the find the answer. A classic example of a koan is "What is the sound of one hand clapping?" The purpose of the koan is to move the mind to a perspective of reality that can encompass seeming paradoxes.

In some Sufi teachings, stories are told that undercut normal thinking as well. The Nasrudin stories, often told as jokes, are examples of this such as the time Nasrudin was looking under a lamppost for his lost keys even though he dropped them far away "because it is easier to look where the light is."

Similarly, we have been given many insights into speculative history to weave together a different sense of the world and to detect what would otherwise remain unseen. However, without a reliable time machine to go back and check I wish to remind everyone here that history is still **his** story. It may not be **our** story. And you should be careful to not assume that it alone is **the** story!

Is everything written in the Bloodlines volumes true? Yes **and** no depending upon **your** current perspective!

It is what They have related to us. However if you do not yet even know Them, how can you know that these things did happen?

Instead, from the Dayside it is wise to not assume these things are not accurate, and from the Nightside it is useful to assume that these things **are** accurate.

By holding both of these views, Dayside and Nightside, we can then benefit from the wider intent in Their telling us of them.

They become **useful**.

Enjoy and benefit!

P.S. I have, myself, found these to be quite accurate indeed. But to determine that for yourself is not a matter of simple belief. It will require looking for the clues as well as coming to know that Their guidance is reliable from personal experience.

You are unique!

You who are reading these words are among a very few in this world.

You have chosen to rise above the weaknesses of mortal humanity.

You have chosen to reject poverty, disease, stupidity, and death.

You have chosen to embrace wealth, health, intelligence, and immortality.

You have chosen to openly examine the rare, the unusual, and the forbidden.

You are among the very few who are attracted to the Night, and feel the promise of Power that resides there.

You are among the very few who can resist the siren song of death and despair.

You are unique.

You are Vampire.

Be proud.

Are You a Vampire?

You may have wondered about this.

Is it possible that you could be a Vampire and be unaware of this fact?

This is not a silly question to ask. It is, in fact, an important one.

The Temple claims that if you follow the instructions in *The Vampire Bible* you can discover if you are, indeed, a Vampire.

The wonderful thing about the Temple is that you do not have to believe any of our Nightside claims.

However if you are willing to put our claims to the test you will discover they are true.

That is why we openly publish *The Vampire Bible* and offer its initial instructions.

When someone is serious enough to purchase this basic book and mature enough to follow the instructions then we know they will obtain results.

We have many, many members who have applied this simple guideline to discover that what the Temple offers is true and valid.

Every other religion in the world requires that you "just believe" their claims.

All of Christianity requires that you just have faith and believe. So too does Judaism and Islam.

Even the Buddhists expect you to believe that the Buddha had it right when he stated that "life is suffering".

The Temple does not require that you believe any of our claims.

Instead we ask you to do something amazingly different.

We ask you to test our claims.

When you, yourself, test and verify the Temple's claims then you will have proof - not just hope.

We are confident that if you set aside your fears and disbelief just long enough to actually follow the instructions in *The Vampire Bible*, then you will discover what so many others have learned.

It works.

It is true.

The Dayside Vampire

"Believe Nothing."

This is the other half of the Temple motto.

Commonly candidates for Temple membership will assume that they must accept the reality of magic, the paranormal, the reality of Lifeforce, the reality of the Undead Gods.

This is simply not true!

The Temple never requires any member to believe anything at all.

This is not a religion based on belief whatsoever.

This is a religion based on the pragmatic, selfish mastery and enjoyment of life as it is.

We do not view money as "the root of all evil". If anything we view poverty as "the root of all evil".

We do not view death as a release from this earthly "veil of tears". Instead we view good health and the effort to achieve unlimited physical life extension (immortality) as desirable.

We do not view humility as a virtue, but as a personality defect. Instead we view honest self-confidence based upon proven skills to be right and good.

We do not view the purpose of life to be to live for others. To the contrary, we cherish the purpose of life to serve the individual.

We do not counsel pacifism and "turning the other cheek". Instead we advocate acquiring legal self-defense skills and the punishment of criminal activity by the law.

It is entirely possible to enter the Temple as a Dayside Vampire who does not believe in any of the Nightside aspects such as magic, Lifeforce Vampirism, out of body experiences, the Undead Gods, or any other part of the so-called paranormal.

Those who wish to test the Nightside claims of the Temple are free to do so, and this is why we have separate forums for Graded efforts with regard to these topics.

However, every one of the Temple claims with regard to personal power and triumph can be achieved in time as a Dayside Vampire alone!

"Test Everything. Believe Nothing."

We really mean it.

On Testing the Nightside.

Authorized copies of *The Vampire Bible* cover the basic Nightside instructions for the Temple membership.

The **only** reason we do not discuss the Nightside in the Dayside forums is to prevent **any** member from accepting on faith anything the Temple teaches.

We want you to test the Nightside.

To do so carries the rewards of discovery and knowledge.

We tried to have an open, free-for-all discussion of such things when the message board first opened but due to the frustrations created between those who had validated Nightside issues and those who had not yet done so, we finally separated the various levels of validation by Grade.

That has worked fairly well overall.

In the Dayside forums, Nightside essays (like this one) are permitted but we still do not wish to see Nightside questions and answers posted here, just essays.

With that understanding, allow me on this Vernal Equinox when the day is in balance with the night, to discuss something that is critical for all Temple members to understand about testing the Nightside.

Test Everything. Believe Nothing.

This is the Temple's motto for many years now.

It serves us well.

When you purchased *The Vampire Bible* you purchased an instruction manual and a succinct world view that we refer to as the Nightside.

An instruction manual is useless if you do not actually follow the instructions, of course.

The Vampire Bible explains exactly what to do to practice Vampirism and to contact the Undead Gods.

It deals with how to test and validate the Nightside of Vampirism.

But have you really been testing the Nightside?

This is the question I want you to consider.

For example, if you do not **know** that you can draw the Lifeforce from a human being, then you still need to test this.

The instructions for doing so are already in your hands.

Now if you are not yet **certain** that Lifeforce is real and that you can draw it into you, how often have you tried to do this?

Do you attempt it at least once a day?

Did you attempt Vampirism at least daily for a week?

For a month?

Exactly what have you done to actually test Lifeforce Vampirism?

And how about the Ritual Calling of the Undead Gods, Communion?

If you have not performed this ritual then you have not begun to test it.

If you have performed it, how many times have you done so?

Did you ever try doing the ritual daily for a week?

For a month?

Believe Nothing.

When you attempt Lifeforce Vampirism do you really try to do it?

Or do you halfheartedly go through the motions while assuming you are kidding yourself?

When you Call the Undead do you really try to Call Them?

Or do you stand there following the outlined steps while assuming that you are just fooling yourself?

Do you realize that if you are coming to these Nightside activities with the assumption that these things are "impossible" then you are choosing to **believe** that they are impossible?

That is not "testing".

That is **believing** these things are "impossible"!

Do you get that?

Do you understand that as long as you choose to believe that such things cannot be, that you are not truly testing them at all?

Look at this from the other perspective.

Suppose for just a moment that the Nightside of the Temple is exactly correct.

Suppose for a moment that Lifeforce is real.

Suppose that Vampirism is real.

Suppose that the out of body experience is real.

Suppose that there are Others Who discovered this long ago and were able to master these realities.

Suppose that mastery of these realities allowed Them to live on long beyond the normal human lifespan.

Suppose that **you** were one of Them.

Now you become aware of a Temple member halfheartedly going through the motions of the ritual Calling.

You are completely aware of the fact that this member does not think for a moment that you could exist.

How inclined would you be to remove their ignorance?

How much does even the most avid teacher want to work with a student who is uninterested in learning but clearly demonstrates by their actions that they think they already know everything?

How to stop standing in your own way.

The Temple motto spells it out clearly and simply.

"Test Everything. Believe Nothing."

If you come to test the Nightside but already believe that Lifeforce doesn't exist, that Vampirism doesn't exist, that Communion is only talking to yourself, then you are full of beliefs that will stand in your way.

Your expectations are part of the testing.

You cannot test the Nightside as an objective, uninvolved observer.

Lifeforce is mindstuff.

It follows your mind.

If you assume Lifeforce does not exist then you will first tend to "explain away" any perceptions or other evidence of it as something else.

That is fine if you are trying to only operate in the Dayside, but it effectively cuts you off from testing the Nightside.

If you assume that you **cannot** draw Lifeforce from a human being into your own body, then this will

effectively stop it from happening.

If you assume that there are no Undead Gods then you will succeed in having nothing happen in Communion.

Disbelief is believing that something doesn't exist.

Holding disbeliefs is not "Believe Nothing".

Suspending disbelief, **really** suspending disbelief is a necessary **prerequisite** to opening the door to testing the Nightside.

I see a lot of "magicians" come to the Temple who claim they already know how to suspend their doubts in ritual.

It is pretty easy to discover who really can do that and who can't.

Those who can get **results**.

Those who are still fooling themselves **don't**.

You touch a cashier's hand at a store to collect your change from a purchase while Drawing in Lifeforce.

If you attend to what you feel and **don't** think "This is nonsense", you are beginning testing.

If you do this every time you touch a human being for a week and every time you do this you can feel the flow of Life Energy move up through your hand and arm into your body then you are testing and gathering knowledge about this Nightside act.

If you go into a darkened room to Call to Those Who Live but keep thinking, "This is stupid. I'm just standing by myself in an empty room", you are really testing how strong your assumption that this is "stupid" is you.

If you go into the same room and merely wonder, "What if They really could be here?" and proceed with that expectation, then you are really testing Communion.

How serious are you?

The Nightside of the Temple makes a wide range of claims and promises.

If you thought these could possibly be real, how serious would your commitment be to testing them?

How often have you **really** attempted Lifeforce Vampirism in the last day? The last week? The last month?

How often have you **really** performed Communion this month?

Once?

Twice?

You can gauge for yourself how serious you are about testing the Nightside by honestly answering these questions for yourself.

Want to prove that Lifeforce and Vampirism are real?

If you **really** do, then try it without disbelief **every time** you encounter a human being.

Do this for a week.

You'll know.

Want to validate the reality of Communion with the Undead?

If you seriously want to do this, do it daily for at least one month.

But really leave your certainties that it is "impossible" at the door of the ritual chamber.

Really test these things.

*Conclusions and suggestions.*__

You **can** fool yourself.

You can trick yourself to expect failure and get it.

You can trick yourself into not recognizing what you are actually experiencing.

You can fool yourself into thinking that you are testing the Nightside when you are not doing any such thing.

You can con yourself into proving the common (human) views are correct and the Temple Teachings wrong.

You can hypnotize yourself into not seeing what you see, hearing what you hear, feeling what you feel, and knowing what you know.

This is the **normal** condition of humankind: blind, deaf and dumb to the realities all around them.

How can you avoid this?

How can you uncover the treasure that lies waiting directly before you?

Simple.

Test Everything.

Really test it.

Drop your assumptions and **really** test it.

Dedicate yourself to performing Lifeforce Vampirism every time you encounter a human being.

Discover what is so.

Dedicate yourself to performing Communion daily if possible.

Discover what is so.

You are surrounded by a tissue of lies built upon the beliefs of those who are your inferiors.

Rise to your own correct and proper level. Balance the Day with the Night.

The rewards are waiting for you.

Do it now.

Yes. Stop thinking that way.

What if I call the Undead Gods and I don't have enough Lifeforce to offer them during Ritual? Does this offend Them?

I will answer your questions with a question.

What have you got to lose?

You stand like a condemned man on a scaffold with a noose around your neck.

At any moment the trap door beneath your feet could drop open and you will die.

So what have you got to lose?

You want to test and validate these things.

For example, once you have satisfied yourself that Lifeforce is real you do not have to keep on proving it to yourself, over and over.

Once you validate Vampirism as real, **really** validate it for yourself, then that job is done, isn't it?

Once you validate that the out of body experience is real even if you only do it one time, then you now **know** that the OBE is real, right?

Once you validate **even just once** that Communion is real and not just your imagination, that issue is finished as well.

It only takes one white crow to **prove** that all crows are not black!

Once you know something - not merely believe it, but have **validated** it - then you have knowledge of that fact.

At that point six billion Richard Dawkins or Amazing Randis can rise from their television thrones and shout that there is no such things as Lifeforce, or Vampires, or out of body experiences, or Those Who have mastered such things, and you will hear their words and laugh at their blindness.

How is this possible?

Because you will **know**.

That is the bedrock upon which this Temple is built.

Not monkey politics, peer pressure, popular assumptions, or blind faith.

Fact, not fiction.

Truth, not fantasy.

Self-verifiable experience, not words.

As you prove to yourself that elements of the Nightside are real, then they become elements of **your** Dayside.

It is just that simple.

You have to find out for yourself.

I regularly have members approach me by email, PMs, and in person and ask me questions like:

"Is Lifeforce really real?"

"Seriously, is Vampirism real?"

"Are the Undead Gods actually real?"

If I simply say, "Yes", then I am not merely offering my opinion. That is asking them to **believe** me.

That is pointless.

The **only** way you can "know what you know" is to **prove it to yourself**.

The human world is filled with religions that will tell you to believe what they tell you.

We don't.

This is "Adult Swim".

We expect all members to get into the water and do what is necessary to learn how to swim **themselves**.

Anything less than that really is just piling on another level of untested beliefs.

We operate from **knowledge** not mere assumption.

To get that knowledge **requires** that the member actually test the Teachings - not just play logic games.

To get that knowledge **requires** feeling uncomfortable with your former untested beliefs - not just looking to the opinions of authority figures.

To get that knowledge **requires** that you realize that you **don't** already know it!

Monkey politics (dominance games) run deep out there, outside the Temple walls.

Humans talk, talk, talk about their beliefs and assumptions all the time.

They fight with each other over this nonsense all the time.

From simple verbal disagreements to outright wars, humans waste their time arguing for why they "must" be right and commonly choose to be **dead** right and buried six feet than to set aside their false certainties to discover what is actually so.

Even in the face of **enormous** factual evidence that their beliefs are off base or just plain screwy.

For example, just take the out of body experience (OBE).

In its most common modern form, the near death experience (NDE), we know that millions of people who "died" have been restored to life and they all tell essentially the same story that went on even when their brain was flatlining.

They describe, over and over, a classic OBE.

They commonly report information they obtained from that OBE that they should not have known about unless they were actually having an OBE.

This is not just a small amount of evidence.

This is a Mount Everest and Himalayan Mountain chain of evidence that is as easy to ignore as an elephant standing on your foot!

Yet the OBE is dismissed out-of-hand by most "scientists" as mere hallucination without their even reading anything about the detailed evidence that it is most real and increasingly common.

But all of this hubris does not have to affect the Temple member if the member will not base his validations of the Temple Teachings on authority figures but, instead, roll up his sleeves, get to work, and **get the experiences for himself!**

So when I get these questions such as "Do the Undead Gods have physical bodies or not?" I **know** I am **not** answering the question by offering a direct answer.

The only valid and useful answer always is:

You have to find out for yourself!

Anything less is pointless.

Your body is a machine.

Vistas of immortality open when this is understood.

From the Dayside, if you view your physical body as a machine then it becomes easy to understand that with adequate understanding and tools any machine can be kept running indefinitely.

Aubrey de Grey, the Cambridge gerontologist and founder of the SENS Project for defeating human aging, has explained this very well using classic cars as an example. Cars that are 100 years old can be kept up "as new" because as parts wear out or break down they are replaced.

What we are seeing happening already today is the same thing with human body parts such as liver, kidney, skin, heart, eye, larynx, etc. Your own body organs are now able to be grown in the lab and transplanted into your body with zero rejection issues.

The brain is a machine also.

Whether the brain generates the mind and stores memories or is only a receiver to "play" the mind and access memories from "elsewhere" is not important to this issue. It remains a machine.

If we could duplicate your brain molecule-for-molecule like a three-dimensional snapshot and place it into a clone of your body, when your clone would awaken "he" would be as much "you" as "you" are "you" right now.

Your so-called "identity" is actually a mental process of **identification**. It is a process and not a thing.

The essential point to understand is that several different scientific approaches (such as molecular nanotechnology) are expected to eventually enable us to do just this - duplicate your entire body molecule-for-molecule.

This will first tend to happen as a repair mechanism to restore your body to prime health as an ongoing part of living. Tiny nanobots will cruise through your blood and lymph systems killing infections while repairing damage. The outcome will be eternal youth.

Then the capability of storing the "plans" for recreating your body will become a standard "back-up" feature as computing power continues to increase to greater and greater levels.

It is critical to grasp that nothing I have described here requires **any** new discoveries and that the evidence of research points to these things inevitably coming to pass very soon.

Sometimes when I suggest these things members will ask me, "But what about the astral body?"

What is incredibly amusing and satisfying about this is that the question answers itself.

If you grant for discussion purposes that the astral body is real (as explained in *The Vampire Bible*) then you need only recognize that it obviously interfaces with your physical body (including your brain) right now.

If we maintain the physical, the astral will obviously maintain its interface.

What if there is a complete break in time, however?

What if your physical body were utterly destroyed in an airline crash or explosion of some kind? And then fifty years later we duplicated your body and brain from a data back up? The question arises will your astral body "return" to occupy it?

Of course the only way to really know this is when it might happen, but interestingly enough it would seem that there is fairly strong anecdotal evidence to support at least the potential ongoing survival of the astral body ...if the person following death pursues the practice of Vampirism (thus avoiding the Second Death).

However, let us suppose that you failed to do this (Tsk! Tsk!) and your astral body disintegrated in a Second Death following physical death.

So what would happen then?

To answer this question regarding a possible future, you need only examine your own past.

How did you acquire an astral body in the first place?

It was seemingly generated by the physical body.

Whether this preceded conception or not is irrelevant. (Those who cling to reincarnation ideas should realize that reincarnation does not really answer this question, but only puts it off).

In any case, since your physical body generated an astral body once before, it seems entirely plausible to assume that your physical body could do so again.

However all of this still is irrelevant to the issue of would it be "you" who woke up in the new body.

It would **have** to be you.

The memories are yours, not someone else's.

Whether we place the mechanism for self-awareness in the physical or the astral, we do know that it is working **now** (of you would not know right now that you are you!).

And since it is working through a machine, whether that machine is physical or astral or both, it **is** working. Any machine can be repaired and maintained indefinitely.

Immortality is not a pipe dream. It is entirely feasible.

I hope this little discussion helps you better understand why.

Tests you can perform.

The subtle seduction of the belief in reincarnation as **your** survival can be demonstrated to be false through some tests you can make.

I would encourage **actually doing** these tests to move out of mere thoughts about this critical issue to **emotionally charged experiences** that will then remove this trap from your mind effectively and forever.

Test Number One.

Go talk with a patient with advanced Alzheimer's (senile dementia).

Nursing homes are filled with these tragic cases.

As you talk to the victim of memory loss ask yourself how important is memory to identity.

Test Number Two

Then see if you can talk to any family and friends who knew this patient **before** they lost their memories.

Be prepared to see them emotionally break down due to the impact of the "loss" of the patient.

Ask yourself how the grief that you see is different from the grief of someone discussing someone who is dead.

Test Number Three

Quietly look in on a patient who is in a coma, a "human vegetable".

As you look at that body lying there unconscious ask yourself how important being able to remember memories are to being who you are.

Test Number Four

See a newborn baby.

Cute as it may be (or just loud) consider if reincarnation is "real" just how much this infant retains of the person who "lived before".

If you ask the infant what its name was, does it even understand your words?

Test Number Five

While in the presence of a newborn, ask yourself another important question.

If you were convicted of a crime and your punishment was to have your memories and mind reduced to that of the newborn you see, how would you feel about that?

Let me expand on this test.

If, right now, you were to have a stroke and the resulting brain damage reduced you to the same mental level as a newborn baby, would you truly assume that "you" survived?

Think about this one very carefully because this is exactly what reincarnation is like:

Reincarnation:

- 1) You die.
- 2) A baby without your memories is born.

Simple Materialistic Death:

- 1) You die.
- 2) Others live, others are born, others die.

From the perspective of any individual, you can see that reincarnation is, at best, your complete destruction.

You are your memories.

Lose those and you lose "you".

Others may possess "simple awareness" (consciousness) but if you do not know who you are, you cease to be.

Perform these test and you will come to understand this.

Reincarnation = personal death.

Your memories + simple awareness = "you".

Remove your memories and/or simple awareness and "you" are not there.

The only survival that makes sense **must** include "you" and that **requires** the survival of your memories.

Street Smarts, Disinformation, and UFOs.

"Street Smarts: Practical wisdom that allows a person to be successful."

-Webster's Dictionary.

The Vampire seeks to obtain and maintain "street smarts".

One excellent rule of thumb for determining if something is true about the world is to understand that there are active forces involved in keeping most people "street dumb".

By keeping most people "street dumb" they are easily fooled into believing certain ideas and behaving in certain ways.

So if the majority of people believe that something is true, a street smart individual will immediately question that belief and attempt to discover what the evidence is regarding that belief.

The moment you hear the phrase "Everybody knows..." then alarm bells should go off in your street smart mind.

Disinformation is intentional and deliberate lying which is intended to make people street dumb.

An example of worldwide disinformation in action is the UFO phenomena.

In 1947, "flying saucers" began to be reported worldwide and by 1952 radar-reflecting UFOs besieged Washington DC twice within a week, witnessed by thousands.

The first official investigation released by the US government regarding these worldwide events was in 1955 in the form of "Project Blue Book Special Report 14".

Of the investigated 3,201 sightings in the report 21.5% were "unknown" and an additional 9.3% had "insufficient information", amounting to a total of 30.8% of the sightings.

So just shy of one third of all the sightings were unexplainable.

However, the disinformation came with the press release statement that accompanied the actual report in which Donald B Quarles, the Secretary of the US Air Force stated, "Even the Unknown 3 percent could have been identified as conventional phenomena or illusions if more observational data had been available."

Quarles' lie changed 30.8% down to a "mere" 3%.

Further the claim without any evidence to support it that that fictional "3%" could be explained with simply more effort was the "padding" commonly used with disinformation to steer the lie correctly.

The street smart Vampire would note the lie and then remember that this was made for a purpose.

The street dumb public would simply ignore the evidence of their own senses and assume that there was no evidence.

Further examples of disinformation drawn from this first government report on UFO's are easy to spot.

Authority figures in science then made pronouncements about how most UFO's were reported by crackpots.

The Report indicated that 1.5% of the sightings could be attributed to "psychological manifestations".

1.5% is not a majority. It is a very tiny minority. Even less than the 3% lie offered in place of the 30.8% figure for unidentified sightings.

In this way disinformation offers the truth (buried in the 965 pages of a detailed report) but then offers the quick and easy verbal summary in a press release that controls minds of the street dumb public.

Precisely the same disinformation technique was used in the next authority-sponsored UFO investigation called the Condon Report, named after Dr. Edward U. Condon, a professor of physics at the University of Colorado in Boulder who directed the investigation.

In a August 9, 1966 memo from Robert J. Low, an assistant dean at the U. of Colorado, he wrote:

"Our study would be conducted almost entirely by nonbelievers, who, although they couldn't possibly prove a negative result, could and probably would add an impressive body of thick evidence that there is no reality to the observations. The trick would be, I think, to describe the project so that to the public, it would appear a totally objective study, but to the scientific community would present the image of a group of nonbelievers trying their best to be objective, but having an almost zero expectation of finding a saucer..."

And it worked just fine.

The press coverage repeated the press release given by Condon which denied there was any evidence while the guts of the report showed that 30% of the 117 cases were "unknown".

So then a cadre of scientists and, of course, the public at large for the greater part of fifty years swallowed whole the successful disinformation spin on those two authority-sponsored reports.

I have offered these two examples of the UFO phenomena because here is a worldwide visual phenomena which leaves physical traces (you didn't know that?), that has been tracked on radar, has shut down and destroyed pursuing military jets when fired upon, sabotaged hardened ICBM missile sites in both the US and former Soviet Union, and yet has been a source of popular ridicule for anyone pointing to these facts.

As a Vampire you wish to see behind the veil of lies that are used to manipulate the masses.

It may not be important that you accept that at least some UFOs are as real as rocks, but it is critical that you see through and reject the numerous other beliefs that, left unchallenged, can block your path to personal power and even survival.

Being street smart leads toward personal success.

You want to be able to reject the assumptions of the street dumb masses and rise to rule your own world.

As Harry Browne put it in the title of his best-selling 1973 book, you want to know "how to find freedom in an unfree world".

How can you become more street smart?

It is simple.

Test Everything.

Believe Nothing.

You Are Elite.

We are elitist for good reason...

You who are reading this now are elite.

What does it mean to be elite?

I rather like the treatment of "elite" in Wikipedia:

"Elite (occasionally spelled Élite) is taken originally from the Latin, eligere, "to elect". In sociology as in general usage, the elite is a relatively small dominant group within a large society, which enjoys a privileged status envied by individuals of lower social status."

"The position of an elite at the top of the social strata almost invariably puts it in a position of leadership and often subjects the holders of elite status to pressure to maintain their position as part of the elite. However, in spite of the pressures, the existence of the elite social stratum is usually unchanged."

So what makes you, as a Temple member, elite?

Several things all of which you had to pass through to be reading these words.

First, you cannot be elite if your thinking is completely concerned with "fitting in" with the viewpoints of the majority.

Most people are terrified to not be accepted by their peers in the common culture. They do not want to be identified as "odd" or a "misfit".

When you ask people "If you could physically live forever in a young and healthy body, would you want to?" you will swiftly learn that the vast, vast majority will tell you "NO!"

However the reasons they will give simply do not make sense. And the reason they do not make sense is because the real reason, the reason they might not even consciously recognize as the real reason is **always** the same.

That reason is that if they chose to live forever in a youthful body **this would not be acceptable to the majority of other people!**

To be blunt, whether he realizes it or not, the average person will choose death before choosing possible peer rejection every time.

Today another 147,000 deaths will prove once again that what I have just written is absolutely correct.

Today, as yesterday, another 147,000 human beings will die and be buried or cremated rather than take a chance of being restored to life in the future **because** "what would other people think if I did?"

I am not exaggerating about this at all.

So simply having purchased *The Vampire Bible* which speaks directly of our traditional (Nightside) means to defeat death, simply reading what is written on the public Temple website and ending up being able to read these words places you in an elite of a few thousand who are willing to say to death "No!"

The humans who continue to embrace mortality as "good" betray their secret (and often to their minds somewhat sinful) desire to be physically immortal.

They betray it most obviously today in their love of the Hollywood vampire image.

The full history of the Vampire can be pieced together from a careful examination of the oldest religious records from Sumer and Egypt, when Gods ruled men openly, and those who died would Rise again to take Lifeforce from the living priesthood and the masses who sacrificed in the Temples.

However, after the withdrawal from the eyes of men, the image of the vampire became one of the tottering corpse that would drink physical blood. A very disgusting image that horrified and degraded the image.

Since at least the early 1900s, the popular image of the vampire has been evolving from the Dark Ages walking corpse into a romantic figure who possesses once again many god-like qualities such as strength, speed, invulnerability, youthful appearance, but, most of all, immortality.

It is this fundamental trait that trumps all others in the return of the defining of the Vampire back toward the nature of the original Gods.

Thus the mortal human being continues to be drawn to the seduction of the Vampire, because what he secretly wishes for is to defeat death, to live on and on, enjoying the pleasures of life.

However, the deathist religions of the world today condemn this wish. Only God can choose who will live or die. Only God can decide who is worthy of any joys in life.

And so the human crawls on his knees before the God Who would deny him survival or pleasure, and hopes (though it is sinful to do so) that he will be spared.

The literalist versions of Christianity that won out over the Gnostic versions did so because they offered eternal life on the cheap. Let Jesus take the fall for your unworthiness by acknowledging his sacrifice and then you will live forever ...in heaven.

The problem remained that while this beat dying and going to Hell for eternity, it really does not satisfy the deeper desire to live forever **here and now** in **this** world.

I think it was Woody Allen who, when asked if he didn't want to live on after death, said he would prefer to live on in his apartment!

And this is the hidden, deeper sin that infects the average person.

Deep down inside they do want to skip dying. They do want to live forever, healthy and happy right here, thank you.

However, to fail to conform to the agreed-upon general morality of their peers is too frightening for them to be able to actually think about.

They would rather die.

And they do die.

But you are here.

You are considering these ideas.

You are daring to think about them.

And you may already be taking actions to do something about them.

This makes you elite.

You might notice how each one of the Six Earthly Secrets define you as elite for studying and then applying them.

You are willing to consider how to better communicate with people to get what you want.

You are willing to learn how to better control yourself to enable you to enjoy life more and break free of senseless constraints on that enjoyment.

You are willing to study proven simple methods to protect yourself from dying in dangerous situations.

You are willing to challenge the accepted beliefs about health and strive to apply cutting edge research to protecting it.

You are open to learning how to control money and make it work for you instead of you just working and slaving away for it.

You desire more from life than "just getting by".

You acknowledge that your desires are good and that you see nothing wrong in seeking to attain them.

You are even willing to push aside the taboos that would attempt to prevent you from exploring and proving to yourself that you can possess god-like powers yourself.

You are willing to consider that there may be a true Ruling Elite working from "behind the scenes" of this human drama and dare to aspire to become One of Them.

Any of these things makes you truly elite.

Why?

Because you are Vampire.

I bow before You!

And they, poor lost souls, do bow before Us.

If not before death then upon death.

You are Elite.

A Warning to Muggle Magicians

Magic as the word is used here in the Temple describes a technology intended to produce real results in the real world that cannot yet be explained by science.

We reserve its discussion and development to the Nightside Graded forums to avoid confusing those who have not yet validated its reality.

However there is a concept of no small importance for all members to grasp since everyone here possesses *The Vampire Bible* and therefore understands that magic is a part of the Temple Teachings.

In the Harry Potter tales and films, the new word "Muggle" was used to describe "non-magical folk" and the implication was that if you were a Muggle you could not do magic.

Magic is dependent upon many aspects of the mind and is directly involved with the interface between mind and matter (if I may be forgiven for implying an authentic separation between the two in such a description).

Thus magic follows mind.

In parapsychology, early studies such as the "Sheep-Goat" studies of Gertrude Schmedler, a past president of the Parapsychological Association and Professor Emeritus, City College of the City University of New York, demonstrated the tendency for those who choose to believe that ESP is unreal to unconsciously use ESP to score below chance beyond what statistics can account for.

In other words, choosing to **disbelieve** in magic can cause you to "prove" to yourself that magic not only does not work but can cause it to backfire on you. For example, a dyed-in-the-wool disbeliever in magic who tried to create a job might very well remain unemployed longer than could be explained in a normal sense! Or a "true disbeliever" in magic who would attempt to heal someone might make them worse!

But apart from the negative repercussions of getting what you **don't** want (if you choose to doubt magic but attempt to employ it), there is the additional simple fact that at the very least actively disbelieving in this mental technology will cause you to be unable to make anything happen at all.

You can train yourself to become a Muggle!

I very commonly read the suppositions of those who come to the Temple wishing to treat ritual magic as if it were playacting for emotional release or a means of finding catharsis with situations that are "beyond control".

However, this will cause you to cut yourself off from being able to have magic actually work for you.

For example one of our primary magical acts is the Calling of the Undead Gods (Communion) as described in detail in *The Vampire Bible*. You are instructed to suspend your disbelief at least while performing the Calling. And why is that suggested so strongly? The reason is that if you actively choose to treat magic as mere play acting, then you undercut the probability that it will become anything more than that.

Because the Calling is involving Others Who may very well decide that They do not care what you expect or believe, this can sometimes work out with results anyway, but the formula is really quite clear: Magic follows mind.

Understand that disbelief is just another belief.

It is a belief that something does not exist.

When the Temple suggests that you should "Believe Nothing" that **includes** disbelief.

So this is the "warning" to those who wish to cling to doing "magic" but are still actively disbelieving in its effects on the real world:

Don't.

Either recognize that playacting is for entertainment and should be restricted to live theater or movies while magic is something quite different, or do not attempt magic at all.

There is nothing more ridiculous than a "Muggle magician".

And nothing more sad.

Be wise.

Control your mind.

Believe nothing ...including disbelief.

In time you can then substitute knowledge for beliefs, and results for desires.

Do not stop with words.

Most humans never grow up.

They cling to their childhood fantasies and never look to see that, like cattle entering the slaughterhouse, their future is death.

The Temple offers alternatives to this situation.

In the Dayside Secrets are **two** methods that can bring you back from the dead based upon science. One of those methods does not require **any** new discoveries or inventions. It is already here.

In *The Vampire Bible* and *Revelations* there is our traditional Nightside approach to life beyond death that does not have to wait until death to be validated. The Graded forums are devoted to that effort.

I see new members come and go all the time.

I read their statements of dedication, determination, and so forth.

I always hope for the best each time I read such words.

However...

It is in your **actions** that you reveal your honest intentions.

It is from your **actions** that you reap the rewards of power, wealth, health, pleasure, immortality.

Another normal human quality is to make a grand promise, be congratulated for making that decision, and then do nothing.

Then if this is ever pointed out then another normal human quality is to quickly evade the discomfort of admitting that the required action has not been taken or continued.

That is commonly where the would-be Vampire leaves the Temple and "decides" the fault lies in the Temple, not with their own failure to take action.

I recall one former member who was highly upset that the Temple might be seen as the only true path that exists to survival. He was offended that we would lay claim to such a thing.

What he did not understand and probably never will is that he is now back in the only "true path" ...to certain death!

Everyone out there is dying.

The Dayside methods the Temple recommends should bring you back ...but you will still die first.

Everyone out there is still going to die.

Death is the only taboo in our culture today. Sex used to be taboo also but is no more.

Death is what human beings explain away, ignore, deny, pretend is not there and is 100% **going to kill every one of them.**

No matter where in the world you live you are not far from a funeral parlor.

No matter where in the world you live you are not far from a morgue.

About 150,000 people die every day. That's almost 55 million people a year. That's over 500 million people in only ten years - which is close to the total population of the United States.

If someone pulled you off the sidewalk into a dark doorway and pressed a sharp steel knife against your throat then the reality of your potential death would have all of your attention.

Except in such emergencies, human beings think about death about 0% and if they do then they change the subject.

Here in the Temple we expect the member to rise above the human level and see reality as it is.

On the Dayside level we expect the new member to seize the information in the locked Dayside Secrets threads and in the *Tome of Dayside Mastery* and **do** something to apply those methods!

The airy, fairy, stars-in-their-eyes and mush-for-brains occultniks who arrive here with nothing but theories of "magic" and excuses for powerlessness **hate** this.

They usually do not last a month.

If they ask for and get a Mentor and the Mentor asks them to actually **do** something to improve their lot in life, they feel "insulted", "pressured", and usually run for the door.

That door only leads to the crematorium.

Those here who do "get it" only shake their heads at the utter stupidity of the human perspective.

The Temple offers life.

Those who come here are doomed to death ...**unless** they change their ways ...and do not stop with words.

For newly arrived occult masters...

We see so many "occult masters" who come to the Temple and then reveal they cannot afford to pay their rent or are living off welfare.

You would think they would see the high hypocrisy revealed by such things and simply recognize that they are slaves and not "masters" of anything at all!

Anyone can have a temporary financial reversal or pass through a low-paying apprenticeship to better their future income.

What I am describing though is a chronic condition of lifelong losing.

This is why the Temple demands that each new active member immediately set goals for achieving Dayside mastery - real mastery of their lives.

Mastery of money, such that you no longer have to work for a living.

Mastery of health, so that you can enjoy living.

Mastery of communications with people so they can serve you.

Mastery of your own mind and emotions so they can serve you.

Mastery of two methods for achieving immortality based on science (in addition to the Nightside procedures as outlined in The Vampire Bible).

The Temple is not for losers.

Those who come here are offered the shortcut secrets to becoming winners.

We do not boost false pride but enable the active member to create a rock-solid foundation to practice real magic and real mastery.

Fools who wish to substitute words for reality are not welcome in the Temple.

Before the Nightside can be mastered, the Dayside must be brought under some degree of control.

This is not an opinion.

It is a fact.

These are the objectives set for the first 90 days of active membership here.

If you have not begun, begin now!

Mastery comes later.

A warm welcome all **future** masters!

Welcome to Hogwarts!

The Vampire is not a victim.

I was watching a George Carlin comedy routine and was struck by the conspiracy theory he expressed there.

In short, Carlin was being very clear that the really rich people run "the system" and that the rest of us are slaves to "the system" with absolutely no hope of becoming free. He emphasized with his clever wit how there was a select group of people who run everything and that the rest of us were not in that "club" and that no one in that "club" would ever let any of us in.

This has been a very popular conspiracy theory that successfully launched Marxism as well as Nazi Germany. Marxism claimed that the conspiracy was the rich business owners in particular whereas Nazi Germany specifically pointed to the Jewish financiers as the cause of all their economic woes.

My fellow Vampires, this is all victim consciousness nonsense.

It relies upon convincing you that you are held down by "them" (whoever "they" are) and that "they" will never let you rise out of your miserable situation.

Victim consciousness relies on making you feel hopeless.

The Temple is in direct opposition to that kind of thinking.

Frankly, each one of the Six Earthly Secrets contributes, one with the other, to enabling you to rise above all of your current problems and limitations.

For example, take money.

If George Carlin was still alive and I could actually sit down and calmly discuss his ideas with him, I would point out that he was missing some critically important facts.

If someone were to get a job and put a regular sum of money into an investment plan such as suggested by the Temple, in a limited period of time they would **become financially independent**.

That means that money they would have invested would create enough cash to pay their bills **without having to work for anyone else ever again**.

"They" will not stop this from happening to the person who chooses to do so. "They" would **benefit** from having more money invested in the stock market, invested into companies that produce goods and services.

"They" would get richer **because** you are getting rich.

I won't try to offer a lesson here on how businesses **create** wealth. But they do exactly that.

What I do want to focus on here is how you are affected by understanding that you can become financially free.

In the locked Money Secrets forum (and the *Tome of Dayside Mastery*) the Temple member is shown exactly what to do to improve income through career choice, reduce debt, and perhaps most importantly how to invest to achieve financial freedom.

If you follow those steps you will come to a point where you can absolutely understand how you can build up your money so that on a specific date usually only a few short years away you will **no longer have to work for a living**.

You will know that by a certain date your plan will lead you to a point where your invested money will work for you to give you the money you need **and you can quit having to ever work for money again!**

Those members who really "get" this, usually become very excited but, more importantly, they attain a condition of **realistic hope**.

They understand exactly what to do to get free.

They make their plan and put it into action.

They know when their plan will be achieved.

The result?

They feel in **control** of their lives insofar as money and working for money is concerned.

This is the **opposite** of the victim consciousness that George Carlin and others actually believe to be the truth.

And it is a great way to blame others for the hopelessness you might feel if you were into being a victim.

It is a great way to excuse never having to try to succeed.

It is a great way to commiserate with others who feel equally victimized by "them".

But it only keeps you a slave.

The Temple looks at this nonsense and simply asks you, "Wouldn't you rather be one of 'them'?"

Really, if the conspiracy whiners, like the late George Carlin, were right and we are subjugated by rich, uncaring bastards who run the world ...why not join **them**?

The fact of the matter, as I mentioned above, is that "they" **want** you to succeed because in doing so you are helping to produce more wealth as well as making more money available for "them" to invest in their efforts for continued "global domination".

When you realize that by applying yourself intelligently to this issue that you can actually throw off the chains of having to work for money and truly realize financial independence, your attitude toward life will skyrocket upward.

There is more to life than just having all the money you need without working, and the other five Earthly Secrets deals with each one of them, but while money can't buy you happiness, poverty can't buy you anything!

The Vampire is not a victim.

The Vampire is a winner.

You can choose to win. Here you will find the suggestions that can lead to you winning.

Or you can buy into the popular victim consciousness and assume that it is all hopeless and "they" will always stop you anyway.

Just ask yourself these questions, however.

Which perspective **feels** better?

Which perspective offers you a way out?

Which perspective makes sense?

Which perspective has worked for other people ... such as "them"?

Just think it through and you will make the right choice.

The Vampire is not a victim.

The Nightside Path to the Undead Gods

You possess an authorized copy of The Vampire Bible.

This book contains the basic instructions to enable you to follow the traditional path of the Gods to Rise as a Vampire above the physical body and to Feed upon the human and attain everlasting life even should your physical body die.

Additionally the small gesture you have made in purchasing this book from the Temple enables you to be recognized in Communion by the Undead Vampire Gods as having met the most basic requirement for attaining Nightside empowerment.

This has been the hidden secret reserved only for the very few, the true Rulers of this world - the ancient kings, the ancient pharaohs. This is the deep secret lost to the Egyptians, the Hebrews, the Masons - substituting human-based belief systems of religion and mysticism to continue their ignorance and subjugation.

As a Temple member you are to believe none of this.

As a Temple member you are not even required to test any of this.

However, if you wish to penetrate and master the Nightside Teachings of this Temple, you will need to follow the Nightside Path to the Undead Vampire Gods.

The method for doing so has been laid out in its correct sequence in the order of the writings in The Vampire Bible.

"The Vampire Creed" establishes the overall posture of the Temple member toward validation of experience. In essence, "The Vampire Creed" requires that one should "Test Everything - Believe Nothing". "The Vampire Creed" also makes clear that you assume the supreme role of absolute God in your own life.

"The Dragon Speaks" clarifies the identity and power of Who you really are and what that means for attaining Nightside Control. "The Dragon Speaks" also briefly outlines the Nightside Path to the Undead Vampire Gods.

Communion, The Calling of the Undead Gods, is the first step.

You perform Communion to declare yourself not human, but Vampire, and you offer up as a free will Sacrifice the Lifeforce from your own body to attract and entice the Undead Vampire Gods, Those Who have mastered the Nightside Path, to come to you and aid you in attaining Nightside mastery.

Please note that while the instructions recommend gathering Lifeforce to offer up, Communion is described first because it is always the first step.

You perform Communion and whether or not you attain evidence that you have succeeded, you then go

to sleep to follow the Nightside path of Vampirism.

You perform Communion as a mental choice of Calling and Giving your Lifeforce for a very specific reason.

Later when you lie down to sleep after Communion you wish to Rise above the physical, to have a conscious out of body experience so that you may then go to the side of your human beings and draw from them the Lifeforce that will further empower you, that will Feed your astral body and enable you to remain conscious and in control even following physical death.

Lifeforce is required for consciousness.

To be Awake is everything.

To Awaken in the out of body condition is what the Undead Vampire Gods have achieved as a skill.

This is why you Call to Them in Communion.

You are seeking Their direct assistance in learning this trick of Awakening in the out of body state.

This is a skill which is not conveyed by words any more than any physical skill is. Someone can describe how to ride a bicycle to you forever but only when you try to actually ride the bicycle can you learn the balance and actions required to do so.

Direct Transmission of these skills for Rising above the body is your highest purpose for Calling to the Advanced Ones in Communion.

So then you perform Communion to Call to the Undead and then, when you sleep, you fix in your mind the intention to Rise above the physical, to Awaken out of the body, and to then go to the humans from whom you will take the Lifeforce to remain Awake and to gain Control of the astral and then the physical.

And you are to believe none of this.

You are, instead, to **do it**.

We are Vampires.

We Connect to Those Who are astrally free, Those Who have greater mastery of the out of body experience, Those Who have shed the physical, Those Who can operate through the physical bodies of those They choose at will.

We then work to Rise to fly through the night skies and descend upon our prey, the human, to draw in their Lifeforce. We do this to attain increased Wakefulness, to become Awake when the physical sleeps. We do this to maintain Wakefulness to survive physical death.

We do this because it is the Nightside Path to the Undead Vampire Gods.

We are Vampires.

We do not harm the human. We Take from the human What they radiate mindlessly.

We are Vampires.

We are not cannibals who ingest human physical tissue, blood or meat.

We are Vampires.

We are invisible to the human eye by day, and in the highest form of our practice are invisible to the human who sleeps by night.

We are Vampires.

We are the Gods of the human.

Each night they bow down before us.

So it has always been and so it shall always be.

Question about partners and Communion.

Just today a member asked if a marriage partner who is not a member of the Temple needs to first buy The Vampire Bible before performing Communion.

Here is what I answered:

Married couples (or the equivalent) can share Temple literature and discuss anything they wish.

Because divorces and breakups do happen, the Temple prefers that each member has separate subscriptions and their own copies of the literature.

The issue of making a personal commitment is what the purchase of an authorized Bible is all about.

For example, someone downloads a pirated copy of The Vampire Bible and then attempts Communion. No matter what that person might try to do, deep down inside they **know** they stole the Bible and are now trying to contact the Authors.

That is truly a waste of their time at best.

(Frankly it is pretty stupid to steal from Vampires and then invite Them into your home!)

Your partner's situation is entirely different, I would think. The key would be that deep down inside your partner should feel no hesitancy in inviting the attention of the Undead.

I cannot prove this of course, but frankly, They always do come when Called. However, that does not mean that the person doing the Calling will perceive this, and neither does it mean that They will approve of that person and help them.

So please help your partner to know that you are welcome to discuss anything you wish with her, she can read any Temple literature you have, and that she only needs to be certain that **she** does not feel that performing Communion would be inappropriate.

If so, then she need only make the same promise to the Temple to become a lifetime registered member: no crime and no discussion of the Temple with the public. And, to be clear, anyone who is unwilling to make that promise has no business participating in our religious services.

I almost forgot to mention that married couples or their equivalent are also free to perform Communion together. Otherwise, the Temple requires that a member of the Priesthood be present at any other kind of group Communion to better assure a positive Connection.

Love and Death.

True love is consciously making the other person the number one most important person in your life, even above your own.

In other words you would take a bullet for that person because the very thought of them being harmed or killed is simply too great to bear.

Anything less is affection but not true love.

A simple question to ask yourself when you wonder if you are in love with a mortal is whether that person would knowingly cause **you** to die merely to please a whim they have.

Deathism is the cultural norm. Choosing to die comes easy to the deathists. They often view it as heroic.

Your partner might be willing to die for you, but will he demand you die for him ...**unnecessarily**?

Beware of identifying with your emotions.

How to not lose your Temple membership.

It really is stupidly simple.

In a nutshell all the Temple requires is that you:

1. Do not advocate or perform criminal acts (felonies).
2. Do not involve yourself with the very few groups who are actively opposed to the Temple Mission (such as physical blood drinkers or those who advocate crime).

That's it.

Nothing more is required.

And nothing less will be tolerated.

Why?

To protect the membership from the effects of such things.

The Temple **does not care** if you affiliate with **any** other group or organization **unless** they are advocating crime or actively against the Temple.

We have members who belong to all kinds of different social groups, other religions and organizations.

Not a problem.

So how can you avoid "accidently" affiliating with a criminal group or an anti-Temple group?

Here's a clue.

Read what they say.

For example one group has the following quote form S. Hunter Thompson on their home page:

"I hate to advocate drugs, alcohol, violence, or insanity to anyone, but they've always worked for me."

On another page there is a prominent display of human blood drinking.

Folks, the Temple is an IQ test.

Noticing things like this are part of that test.

I am very pleased to state that those who are here are, for the most part, the elite of this world.

You are the few who embrace life and are thinking clearly about the most important issues of life.

I am honored by your presence.

However, for the few who are not engaging their minds about such things please understand that for the protection of the other members and the protection of the Temple Mission, there will always be a zero tolerance policy here for advocates of felonies or groups that oppose the Temple.

Thank you for your understanding.

Carry on.

No Crime or Criminal Advocacy

Crime is not a short cut to wealth. Crime is a short circuit in thinking.

Yes, there are drug lords who have risen from nothing to enormous wealth and act as potentates in their own little kingdoms. And the odds of rising to that level instead of being shoved down into a grave are worse than winning a national lottery.

Yes, there are "idealists" who have this or that cause in disagreement with the current laws of the land. They jump up and down about why alcohol is legal while pot is not. They scream and yell about their "rights". And they are only getting flat feet and sore throats as best, and jail terms at worst.

Compare all that to just following the Six Earthly Secrets presented in the locked Secrets threads on this board (and in the *Tome of Dayside Mastery*).

The fast track of crime almost always leads to prison, bad health, or just old fashioned death.

The slower but surer track suggested by the Temple leads to security, wealth, health, power, and immortality.

I sometimes fantasize about it as if it were a TV quiz show.

"Now behind Curtain Number One is everything your heart desires - wealth, health, companionship, sex, security, and even immortality.

"And behind Curtain Number Two are three dozen very hungry, very angry velociraptors.

"Which curtain do you wish to select?"

Regarding neoNazis, psychos, etc.

The Temple is not stupid. Any organization or group that is running in a gray area such as Ku Klux Klan groups that claim they are completely legal or neoNazi groups that claim they are legally squeaky clean are nevertheless **not** okay for Temple members to affiliate with.

Anyone out there with an ounce of street smarts can realize that if it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, the duck hunters will be shooting at it!

Legal loopholes will not cut it for affiliation with crazy people, gangsters, psychos, child molesters, etc.

It isn't an issue of freedom. It is entirely an issue of sanity.

And it is an issue of the Temple not being fooled by those who feel restricted by the rigors of sanity.

The Secret Society

Every Vampire leads two lives.

The Nightside life is the one in which we experience our full glory. The Nightside Vampire is the one who practices Lifeorce Vampirism, lucid dreaming and Communion with the Undead. The Vampire by Night learns to visit others in their dreams. Our traditional method of surviving physical death lies in the Darkness of Night.

The Dayside life is quite simply the side of us we show to the mortalkind. The Dayside Vampire never reveals his Nightside nature to those who shall die. When instances of real Nightside power manifest in the Dayside, the Dayside Vampire always gives humans a way to dismiss or ignore it. In such a way, mortals may view the Dayside Vampire with awe and reverence, but they never suspect the real reason behind his majesty.

Why do Vampires lead such dual lives? Why do we insist on maintaining the Lie that obscures the Truth?

Allow me to turn to analogy. If you plug a battery backwards into an electronic device, what happens? In most cases, absolutely nothing. This is because electricity must flow through the circuitry in a particular way. By reversing the roles of the positive and negative charges, you have made it impossible for the battery to power the device.

Electrical power comes neither from positive charge nor from negative charge. Electrical power comes from the *separation* of the two charges. When the two opposite charges are separated and allowed to interact, electricity flows between them. That flow is what permits our modern technology.

In the same way, Vampiric power does not come solely from the Nightside. Without the separation of Night and Day, Nightside practices become mere fantasy and the life seen by others is a pathetic waste.

Do an internet search for "real vampires." Look at a few of the organizations that show up. Every one of them is steeped in victim language with a few references to role playing games. These are people who have tried to claim the heritage of Vampirism without respecting the division of Night and Day.

Search again for "Wicca." Here you will find people who claim to be witches, complete with magical powers. Read carefully. These people struggle with money, health, and personal relationships to degrees that boggle a sane mind. Once again, they bemoan the discrimination leveled against them, as though life itself has chosen to victimize them for their beliefs. As with the "vampire community," Wiccans often must qualify their magical powers by saying that no one can actually perform the dazzling displays of power spoken of in legends. This, again, is the price for blending Day and Night: powerlessness, a weak life, and a promise of eventual death.

There are countless instances of this. The Christian who claims that by having faith in God, he needn't take his sick infant to a doctor. The new age fanatic who climbs to the top of a hill hoping to be taken by "space brothers." The gambler who mentions his "secret" superstitious methods in order "get lucky."

In every instance, the blurring of Day and Night results in a murky, confused state that carries them straight to the grave.

Why does this happen? Why should the Day and Night require separation?

The answer is simplicity itself.

In order for real power to manifest, there must be some way in which it **can** manifest.

The mortal "sorcerer" who tells everyone of his supposed power makes a terrible mistake. In doing so, he has blurred the distinction in his life between fact and fantasy, truth and metaphor. This means that **his very act of imagining what he desires is indistinguishable from material manifestation**. The power is extinguished before it can act. He never "separated charges," so to speak.

Where, instead, do we see real power?

The corporate CEO.

The successful politician.

The savvy investor.

In these and many other instances, there is no doubt of the real success and influence these people have.

And in every single case, there is no hint of magic.

Thus it is that the Dayside Vampire presents a side that is totally believable. He never speaks of his Nightside world. He never even hints at it. At every turn, in every instance where magic manifests and the Vampire recognizes it, he privately acknowledges it for what it is and then turns to the mortals among him to provide an excuse.

Never with a wink.

Never with a suggestion that there might be something more.

In every case, the dismissal is given in such a way that the humans who observe even the most fantastic of events will walk away thinking that it was, at most, an entertaining trick.

This is why the Temple is a secret society. This is why we demand that you do not speak of Vampirism with the public. This is why the members of Council remain unknown. This is why members do not encounter that which they actively disbelieve in. This is why we advise anonymity when assisting the Temple Mission.

Everything about your magical side should be completely hidden from mortal view.

Your advantage in seeking immortality.

Your awareness of Lifeforce.

The fact that you have a hidden Dark side.

Everything.

Allow the mortalkind to see only someone who is practical, successful, clear-headed and insightful. Let them see you by the light of Day.

It is only by carrying the true secret of Night, separating Darkness from Light, that there can be a Crack between the Worlds.

It is only by living the Day and the Night separately that we may walk in Twilight.

The medium is NOT the message.

We Vampires are pragmatic.

If we did not already have a motto ("Test Everything. Believe Nothing."), it might have been instead, "If it works, use it!"

Yet from time to time we can fall into the trap of assuming that just because of **who** offers an idea or **what group** promotes a suggestion that it must automatically be "wrong" or that it would be a betrayal of our values to use it.

This mental trap whenever it surfaces stems from confusing the medium with the message.

Stupid people can sometimes communicate vitally important, even highly intelligent ideas.

Idiots can know where the fire alarm is.

Morons can sometimes point to the nearest emergency exit.

Serial killers can discover new approaches to treating cancer.

Communist nations, like China, can offer excellent business opportunities.

Conservative political leaders can promote important human rights legislation.

Liberal political leaders can offer successful measures to balance the budget.

Demagogues can write beautiful poetry.

Deathists can successfully research life extension technologies.

It is extremely valuable to separate the invention, tool, or idea from the person or group that creates or suggests it.

Pragmatism is doing what works.

It is not doing what the "right" people or organizations offer.

We are Vampires.

We constantly attempt to rise above the usual identifications of the mortal mob.

They are forever pretending that what they do is what they are.

We see through that falsehood.

What you do is simply what you do.

You are not your actions.

Neither is the source of any tool or idea the idea or tool itself.

The medium is truly **not** the message.

Be vigilant!

Be pragmatic!

If it works, use it!

The Dayside Path to the Undead Gods

I realize that this has been explained in *Revelations*, but every so often I will get an email that reveals to me that a new member doesn't understand this.

The proper long term goal of any Temple Member is to become like the Undead Gods **whether you think they are real or not.**

If you get this, then all the issues about feeling that we of the Temple are subservient inferiors to the Undead Gods drops away.

They are us ...if we get our act together and master the same kinds of skills attributed to Them.

So what are the attributes that the Undead Gods have that you should also want?

1. Immortality.
2. Self Control.
3. Power over the World.

And before I discuss each one of these, I want you to also grasp something important.

You can accomplish all of these through the Dayside.

The Nightside is not even really necessary.

But back to the attributes:

1. **Immortality.**

You can't exactly be Undead if you are dead.

Immortality as the Temple uses this word is not living forever.

It is really just not dying or not staying dead.

The Dayside of the Temple indicates that there are two ways to accomplish this involving science.

If the Temple is correct then setting yourself up for these methods offers you immortality.

That potentially makes you Undead.

2. **Self Control.**

Immortality in eternal torment would not be very God-like.

For this reason alone it is extremely useful to gain increased control over your mind and emotions.

The development of willpower and choosing happiness over anxiety, depression, or ongoing rage, for example, are important parts of gaining control over your own mind.

The Dayside secrets that deal with these issues are also here before you, outlining how to gain self control and make life truly worth living.

Things can and will go wrong around you from time to time.

Learning how to rise above the events around you and find happiness despite such setbacks when they happen is critical to being your own God.

3. Power over the World.

Making external events happen the way you prefer them to is what technology is all about.

Tools enable us to master the environment and the Dayside of the Temple embraces the accelerating technologies that are even now rushing toward us.

Nanotechnology by itself holds immense promise to do for physical matter what computers have done for information.

Thus we look to the immediate future with a scientific hope that our lifespans will be radically extended, health made the fundamental norm as diseases are wiped away, and the current-day concerns of limited resources and energy are completely solved while opening the door to authentic space travel and completely viable virtual worlds where you can be, do, or have anything you can imagine.

Anything.

To increase the odds that you will live to see this happen and be in the forefront of those who will benefit from the advances as they happen, the Temple promotes attention to personal survival, health, and accumulating wealth.

We are passing through the last bottleneck leading to God-like power over the material universe.

Staying alive and healthy is critical.

Accumulating wealth will not only offer you more personal freedom but may very well assure you of being first in line to benefit from the very technologies that will uplift you from being "just human" to being an "Undead God" in the very simple terms I have attempted to outline here.

I am mentioning all of this to remove the nagging doubts that might block especially newer members from thinking that the Temple is only a Nightside religion.

The technologies being developed in the Dayside right now will cause everything that the Temple Teaches as the Nightside to be produced through scientific engineering.

Now let me be exceedingly clear.

I am not suggesting that the Nightside is not real.

Frankly, any technology that becomes advanced enough will point to a direct effect by mind upon matter - what we call magic.

I also should point out that it would actually be pretty amazing if no one else before this time had been able to do just that.

Finally, if you look at the oldest stories about humanity with an open mind, the story is presented there as clearly as can be put into words.

Superior technology gave mankind a helping hand in the creation of tools, agriculture, and more.

The Temple offers that these events not only did happen but that Those responsible never really stopped Their involvement.

However, all of **that** is and remains Nightside in nature, because these things cannot be proven to you directly.

If you want to probe beneath the visible surface of such things that is what the Nightside of the Temple is all about.

My words here are not about that.

I am not going to reverse twenty years of asking that members not just believe anything. Instead, I am asking you to test and prove everything.

That is the only way to knowledge that is reliable.

What I am trying to communicate is that every one of the Nightside skills attributed to the Undead Gods has a Dayside technological plan that you can achieve.

The Dayside Secrets are here for many reasons.

They all amount to the best ways for you to beat death and gain mastery.

Beat death = Undead.

Mastery = God.

The Undead Gods.

We are not here to worship "ghosts in the sky".

We are here to become Undead Gods ourselves.

You can do so with the Dayside alone if necessary given enough time with the progress of technology.
But you will need to make it through the current bottleneck to do so.

So get to work!

Progressing in the Temple.

The measure the Temple uses to determine if you are "progressing" or not, is first whether you come up to speed on Dayside goal-setting and plan implementation.

The Six Earthly Secrets are the foundation for securing your Dayside.

Then the Nightside becomes something you can actually work on for its own rewards and not as a stress-filled and therefore futile effort to somehow magically make your mundane life work.

Over the years we have seen that all of those who entered the Temple and failed to progress, first failed to deal with their Dayside.

Since we have placed this emphasis on taking the first 90 days of active membership to set Dayside goals and devise specific Dayside plans, we have seen a complete turn-around in the progress of members in the Nightside as well.

Pyramids need to be built from the bottom up.

Abraham Maslow's "Hierarchy of Needs" is just such a pyramid. At the bottom are biological survival issues and at the top are self-actualization issues.

From the Temple's perspective this simply shows how the Dayside is the required base for building the Nightside upon.

All of the so-called "magical" groups and organizations that try to only magic their way to overcoming mundane problems produce a continuous stream of poverty-stricken, excuse-making losers.

We are entirely different. We begin at the beginning.

This upsets those who only want to wave a magic wand and win the lotto - and dooms them to eternal wand-waving and poverty.

The Temple can be great fun just as going to a swimming pool can be enjoyable exercise.

However, the Temple is "Adult Swim".

If you are looking for the authentic item, you should not have to be told to "just believe".

You should be told that you need to...

Test Everything. Believe Nothing.

Hmmmm.

That sounds somehow familiar.

The Royal Path to the Undead Gods

Sigmund Freud referred to dreams as the royal road to the unconscious.

Lucid dreaming, however, is far superior in many ways.

A lucid dream is one in which you awaken in the dream and realize that you are dreaming without physically awakening.

Lucid dreaming was proven to be a scientific reality by psychologist Keith Hearne of Hull University in 1977 (Hearne, K.M.T. [1977]. *Eye-movement communication from lucid dreams: A new technique and initial findings*. Paper given to 11th Post-doctoral Conference in the Behavioural Sciences, Hull University, April 15-18).

There are many degrees of lucidity ranging from being barely aware that "this is a dream" to conditions in which you can exert complete control over anything you wish to experience in the dream.

Lifeforce is mind stuff and the essence of consciousness. When you take Lifeforce from humans you can usually feel the "awakening" effect physically. Your vision brightens becoming more vivid, your sense of touch becomes more sensitive, your hearing sharpens and opens, etc.

Vampirism leads to greater wakefulness.

In Communion when you Call to the Advanced Vampires to come to you, your hope is that you will receive the return Flow of Their Lifeforce, the Rain of Mercy, which will further empower you and enable you to directly "learn" from Their experiences.

Later, when you go to sleep, that refined Lifeforce can be called upon to aid you in awakening in the dream state - to have a lucid dream.

When you awaken to the fact that you are dreaming, your primary goal should first be to go to a human being and take his Lifeforce - to Feed.

By doing so you are approximating the act of actually Feeding or may, without knowing it, actually **be** Feeding upon a human who is also sleeping and dreaming.

When you Feed then you can Awaken.

When you Vampirize the human, even in a dream, you are establishing the set of habits you require to become conscious in your dream.

If you awaken enough in a lucid dream, you will discover that you eventually will have an out of body experience.

It is all a matter of degree.

In a lucid dream the trick is to not lose wakefulness but to remain awake, to remain lucid and even attain

to greater levels of lucidity.

Vampirism is the key to doing so. Vampirism is the lost secret that enables this to happen. Vampirism can lead you to follow the Royal Road to Immortality beyond physical death. For following the death of the physical, you enter into a dream state.

If you have established the habit of Feeding you will do so then and Awaken out of body.

To be Awake is everything.

Consider the many ways this path is closed to the human.

They reject taking the Force of Life from the living as evil.
We embrace it.

They reject choosing eternal life and living.
We embrace it.

They choose to enter the dream states of the mutually shared dreams of heaven (or hell).
We reject this slow path of exhaustion to the Second Death.

They choose death over life.
We choose life over death.

From the writings in the Temple of Unas in Egypt to the "horror" film of the present day, the Royal Road to the Undead Gods has remained the same:

Feed and Awaken.

And so it is.

Understanding the Oath of Fealty

The Oath of Fealty is the Temple's outer form of the Most Ancient Pact (The Vampire Bible, p. 16). In short, this Pact is that the Undead will ensure that you survive physical death in return for your loyalty to Them. Exactly what that means is elaborated upon in the below essay.

Anyone can swear this Oath in Communion with the Undead when they are ready. I would only caution you to think carefully about whether you really want to do it. Anyone who swears this Oath and then rejects the Temple will not be welcome to return. We strongly advise that you meet the Undead Gods in astral projection (i.e. an "out-of-body experience" or "OBE") before you swear the Oath of Fealty. That will give you the personal knowledge needed to fulfill your side of the Oath.

Anyone who intends to enter the Inner Temple must first swear the Oath of Fealty:

**I Swear by My Lifeforce and the Breath that Sustains It
My Loyalty and Obedience to *Hekal Tiamat*.
I shall Live by the Force of Fang and Claw.
I shall Forever Respect the One True Law.
I Pledge My Blood, My Will and My Power.
I Commit Myself Totally from This Very Hour.
I am Of and For the Body of the Blood.
I Now Only Serve the Great Dragon God.
If This Oath be ever Broken by Me
May I be Denied Immortality.**

It's important that you understand what you are promising before you swear this oath. I'll go step by step through it to explicate what I can. Please ask if you have any questions about the Oath of Fealty after reading this. There shouldn't be any ambiguity in your mind if and when you choose to take this oath.

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If This Oath be ever Broken by Me
May I be Denied Immortality.**

The beginning and the end of the oath mirror each other. They really say the same thing. When you swear by something, you're offering that something as collateral should you break that promise. This means that if you ever break the oath, you relinquish ownership of both your physical and astral life.

It's important to notice that this is an eternal oath. It's hard to appreciate what that means if you're not

used to thinking in terms of an immortal lifespan. You are saying in effect that no matter how many centuries or millennia pass, you will still abide by this oath on pain of eventual death.

My Loyalty and Obedience to *Hekal Tiamat*.

We loosely refer to the Inner Temple as *Hekal Tiamat* at times, but strictly speaking that's improper. *Hekal Tiamat* is one of the older names for the Vampire Family. This includes Those Who Have Risen and those Living Vampires who have been Initiated into our Traditions. Anyone who has truly accomplished what we expect of them upon entering the Priesthood of Ur will certainly be at least a Living Vampire, but since the Temple does not investigate the authenticity of members' claims it is still possible that there are those with the title but not the Initiation. Conversely, some who are Initiated are not yet members of the Priesthood and may not even be members of the Temple of the Vampire.

However, Those Who govern this Temple are most certainly Advanced Members of the Family. This means that in swearing loyalty to *Hekal Tiamat*, you agree to assist the Temple in its Mission however you can. At the very least, this consists of remaining an active member and doing your best to master the Teachings so as to be a good example of what Vampirism has to offer. It is for this reason that members of the Priesthood who resign are forbidden to return.

Obedience to *Hekal Tiamat* means putting your Vampiric nature before any lingering mortal weakness. You are expected to practice Deidentification and strengthen your Willpower. You are expected to Fly the Dragon every night. Your efforts at becoming more than human are to take highest priority. This doesn't necessarily mean sacrificing what you want in life, but it does mean rearranging how you strive for your desires so that everything you do is in support of becoming more than human. You have been given the essential instructions needed to live forever. You are expected to master them.

Obedying *Hekal Tiamat* also means that you choose to respect any direct instructions the Undead Gods may give you. You are expected to show these Adults respect. This will mean little to those of you who have not yet knowingly met the Undead, which is part of why we require you to do so before joining the Priesthood of Ur. Again, however, They rule this Temple, and therefore in swearing the Oath of Fealty you agree to abide by the requirements that the Temple of the Vampire sets before you. This includes at the very least securing physical immortality and working to master your Dayside life.

Finally, loyalty entails supporting other members of the Family however you can. This includes being supportive of those with Potential and helping them to realize their Vampiric nature. This assists the Family as a whole as we approach the Final Harvest.

It is not necessarily a breach of the Oath of Fealty if you, say, forget to Fly the Dragon one night. It is your intent that matters, and anyone can err. However, honest intent will manifest as correct action over time. You are expected to put your training first and your concerns for familiarity or comfort second.

**I shall Live by the Force of Fang and Claw.
I shall Forever Respect the One True Law.**

These lines say essentially the same thing. The "one true law" is survival. Survival can be framed as a matter of who eats whom, with those at the top of the food chain surviving the longest and best. The "force of fang and claw" refers to the fact that you must take and sometimes destroy in order to remain at the top of the food chain. This part of the oath indicates that you agree to fight for your worthwhile

survival, you will continue to Drink the Blood of the living, and you will change the way you think to remove any sense of obligation to show mercy to those who would threaten your well-being. Mercy isn't forbidden per se, but the attitude that you *have* to forgive those who have wronged you is mortal nonsense. You are promising to extinguish the habits of weakness and submission that come from having been raised in a mortal culture.

I Pledge My Blood, My Will and My Power.

I Commit Myself Totally from This Very Hour.

These two lines form a statement of total dedication. This defines the degree of loyalty to *Hekal Tiamat*. In pledging your Blood, Will, and power, you are saying that everything you have to give will be given in service to the goals of the Family, which include your personal Vampiric Metamorphosis. This may mean making career choices you otherwise wouldn't. This may mean doing a tremendous amount of work when One Who Has Risen calls upon you. This may mean reorganizing your life so that you have time to practice the Teachings. Exactly how you execute this is very much up to you, but from the moment you swear the Oath of Fealty you are expected to put Vampirism first and foremost in all that you do.

This does not necessarily mean sacrificing things you love, however. Proper application of the Teaching should enhance your health, make your relationships more rewarding, and generally improve every facet of your life. The point is that you agree to exalt your Vampiric nature and assist the Family rather than being lazy or giving in to a fear of change.

I am Of and For the Body of the Blood.

The "Body of the Blood" is another reference to the Vampire Family. Being of the Body of the Blood means that you acknowledge your Initiation. You know you are a Vampire, which in our Tradition means you know you are taking the Life force of the living, have given it to the Undead Gods, and have received the Rain of Mercy in return. You know that the Promise given - immortality in exchange for loyalty - applies to you.

Being for the Body of the Blood is, again, a reference to being loyal to *Hekal Tiamat*.

I Now Only Serve the Great Dragon God.

Most people serve their egos. This is the essential reason why they are mortal. They are too busy following the impulses of their habits to experience reality as it is. They are too busy yelling to feel their anger, too busy complaining to feel their fear, too busy cheering to feel their happiness. They hold grudges and call each other names rather than simply recognizing what they can expect from one another. They are oblivious to the feel of the cloth on their skin or the sound of leaves brushing against the air as they fall.

In swearing to serve only the Great Dragon God, you are agreeing to set all this behind you. You will practice the Deidentification Process and do your best to Awaken the Dragon Within. You will strive to experience your emotions rather than just reacting to them. You will smell the air as it smells, feel pain as it feels, and read words as they are written.

The Inner Temple Mysteries rely on this. Serving Tiamat means experiencing fully and being awake to

that experience. The work done in the Inner Temple focuses largely on this part of the oath.

In short, in swearing the Oath of Fealty you agree to the following:

- You are a Vampire. This implies that you know that the Undead Gods exist and that They govern this Temple.
- You will do your best to master the Teachings. This includes putting your personal comfort second to the training methods you have been given.
- You will help other Vampires to master the Teachings. This includes at the very least remaining an active member of this Temple as long as it is here (although a temporary hiatus is certainly fine).
- You will do what the Undead Gods ask you to do. Since the Undead govern this Temple, this includes doing what the Temple asks of you such as following Temple Law and doing what you can to assist the Mission.

In return, you will receive Assistance upon physical death so that you may live forever.

If you have not personally validated the existence of the Undead Gods, this is a pointless oath to swear. Without that validation, you would be swearing to stay a member of this Temple and pretend that you believe everything we've told you, and all that you would reasonably expect to gain in return is access to more Temple services and literature. So let me be clear:

If you do not know for a fact that swearing the Oath of Fealty will ensure your immortality, then do not swear it.

No one is ever required to swear this oath. It is meant only for those who come to recognize that the Promise of the Elder Gods is real. Only they have the ability to provide the loyalty that this Promise requires, and therefore only they can benefit from swearing the Oath of Fealty.

In closing, I would like to mention that there have been some people who have claimed that the Oath of Fealty is simply an oath to oneself, interpreting *Hekal Tiamat* as one's physical body and the Great Dragon God as oneself. There is a sense in which this is true, but it does not change what you promise to do. The experience required to understand this perspective illuminates the rationale behind the Promise of the Elder Gods, but it really changes nothing. Loyalty to oneself is loyalty to the Vampire Family when properly understood. It is for this reason that the Inner Temple Mysteries are reserved for those who have already sworn the Oath of Fealty.

We will never expect you to believe anything, but we will expect you to uphold this oath once you've sworn it. Therefore, if you have any questions about it, please feel free to ask.

When pride first requires humility.

"The Vampire Creed" is explicit in naming the Vampire as the superior being who is destined to rule over his world and the humans in it.

"I am the only God that is," is a statement of intense pride.

Yet to attain that state of world mastery, to honestly possess that pride, requires that the Vampire be open to learn what is required to do so.

The phrase we commonly use to describe that attitude of openness is to "empty your cup". This comes from the old Zen story in which the student was told that to taste the master's tea of knowledge he had to first empty his own cup of assumptions.

We see all different kinds of people arrive here at the Temple gate.

Some come with empty cups. Some do not.

To acquire knowledge you must not assume that you already know all of the answers.

To worship the gods of the current scientific assumptions is no more being open to what is real, than to worship the gods of Abraham or Mohammad or Buddha.

There needs to first be a sense of humility in the awareness that current assumptions about what "everyone knows" **could be wrong**.

For example, I commonly run into people who are struggling with the idea of astral bodies or astral projection because their assumptions are that "science" has ruled that out as superstitious nonsense. Apart from the simple fact that this is not true at all, I often have to smile a bit, bemused by such statements.

You only need to have one single but verified out of body experience (OBE) to **know** that those who build up certainties that such things are not true are simply wrong.

Validated personal knowledge trumps any scientific theory that would disagree with that knowledge.

When you absolutely have come to know what you know directly through personal experience, and not indirectly through assumptions and the testimony of others, then you may feel honest pride in your certainty.

Less than this is only a form of self-deceit.

Sit down before facts like a child, and be prepared to give up every preconceived notion, follow humbly wherever and to whatever abysses Nature leads, or you shall learn nothing.

— T.H. Huxley

Dayside Perspectives.

The Dayside of the Temple is the skeptical perspective, however, and (this is very important to grasp) the Dayside is **not** a lock-step embracing of the current assumptions held by academia in any particular field.

That would not be skepticism.

That would be simply trust in the opinions of authority figures.

Some might call that "faith".

For example, the age of the Sphinx can no longer be just "accepted" as what the Egyptologists have held it to be for many years because geologists have offered evidence that could easily place that structure as much, much older.

In this example that does **not** prove that the Egyptologists' dogmatic assertions are "wrong".

It **does** mean that they can no longer prove that they are "right".

The difference is important to grasp.

There is solid evidence on **both** sides.

The evidence is now no longer one-sided, if it ever was.

The Dayside is intended to be a place where the Vampire applies street smarts to the belief systems of the human world.

When we accept any one group's claims to certainty despite what may be contrary evidence, then we are being taken in, duped, if you will.

For another example, there is the age of the Great Pyramid based primarily upon markings "found" above the King's Chamber by an English archeologist **who produced fraudulent archeological evidence during his lifetime.**

So the Egyptologists accepted his evidence and this became unquestioned in their field.

Does that prove the Great Pyramid is much older?

No, it does **not**.

However, it ought to cause the Dayside Vampire to consider the fact that at this point the actual age of that structure is not so certain after all.

In other words, the Dayside Vampire applies doubt to the evidence offered by **anyone** in looking at these kinds of things - and that most definitely must include the current crop of authority figures in "science".

I place "science" in quotes because the ideal of **real** science is always open to following the lead of evidence.

The history of **scientists**, on the other hand, is replete with examples of those who pigheadedly refused to look at evidence that did not meet their preconceptions.

This is true of humankind as a whole.

So what is my point?

It is actually quite simple.

Do not be duped either way.

From a strictly Dayside perspective there are many curious things both historical and current that **cannot** be objectively proven with the evidence at hand one way or the other.

Those who claim otherwise are usually either self-deceived or deliberately lying.

I am not saying that many of these issues **cannot** be proven **to one's self** or that many of these issues have not **already** been proven.

But that involves the Nightside at this point.

I am saying that from a common **Dayside** examination of the evidence available, most all of these kinds of mysteries are still just that - mysteries.

The **true** Dayside is not a blind embracing of one view of reality, but an open acceptance of evidence when it is present, and a willingness to change one's opinions about things based upon that evidence.

But the really critical part of the true Dayside is to **not** assume that you know something with absolute certainty when you actually do not.

Absolute certainty in the Dayside is an absolute impossibility.

How can I state such a thing?

I can and do state this because right now, at this moment, you cannot be certain that this experience is not a dream.

Think of the film "The Matrix".

You cannot know with certainty that **any** experience you have is not being created as an hallucination while you are lying in a deep coma in some hospital.

I am not being silly here.

Not at all.

You **cannot** have **absolute** certainty.

You can, at best, have **provisional** certainty.

Now the reason there is such an immense drive for human beings to "be right" about their "certainties" is all due to primate dominance psychology.

Yes, it is all ultimately due to pecking-order competition between the monkeys!

What we seek here as Dayside Vampires is a **trans**-human state of awareness.

That **requires** a willingness to **not be certain about some things**.

That requires deep honesty.

So this is a request for all Dayside Vampires to not simply seek "the truth" but to enlarge their awareness of what **seems** to be true, and especially what can be used in a practical sense.

When you find that you are arguing over "evidence" the chances are very high that it is time to look deeper at the "evidence" and be certain you are not being caught up in monkey politics.

Regarding Romance and Sex...

I was asked to comment on this particular issue.

To all reading this, please understand that the Temple encourages you to be cautious in meeting other members.

No one here **must** meet with other members.

No one here needs to even get along with other members.

This is not a social club, and at no time does anyone need to meet **any** interpersonal standards of behavior except for those required for membership.

These requirements are:

No crime or advocacy of crime, no physical blood drinking, and courtesy extended to all other members.

Anytime anyone in the Temple implies you **must** or even **should** do anything social (and that **especially includes issues of romance or sex!**) then know you are dealing with someone who is **not** representing the Temple.

This experiment was designed to work for any serious individual even in complete isolation from any other member.

Meeting together in Cabal is icing on the cake for those who want it.

It is **not** the cake itself whatsoever!

We members are all adults here.

What you do with other adults socially is your business.

It is not the Temple's business.

Do not ever believe anyone's claim otherwise.

You may rely on this post as bedrock Temple truth on this matter.

Why should They Come to you?

"It is Their [the Undead] intentions and Their desires which must be accepted and appeased."

-page 5, The Vampire Bible

I am writing this to the active members who have **not** validated the reality of the Undead Gods and who also have **not** posted their efforts to aid the Temple Mission this month.

The Temple Mission is the reason the Undead have permitted the Temple to come into existence.

The success of Temple Mission is what **They** want.

You are here to test the Teachings and master your world.

The Teachings are explicit that Contact with the Undead is what is required for you to Rise and succeed at the traditional path of Vampirism.

Once you **know** that They are real, everything changes for you.

And in order for you to know that They are real, They must be successfully enticed by you to Come to you and allow you to discover that They **are** real.

So what can you do to successfully "entice" Them to do so?

Perhaps you have been truly trying.

Perhaps you have gathered Lifeforce through Vampirism and performed Communion but ... nothing happens.

Well, consider the simple fact that if you do nothing other than Call to Them while ignoring Their stated Mission, **what do you expect?**

The Undead are not unconscious "forces" or "archetypes" or "imaginary friends".

The Undead are conscious entities with personalities.

They have desires and intentions.

One of these intentions is clearly spelled out in the Temple literature over and over again.

It is the Temple Mission - the effort to attract those of the Family who are unaware of their Heritage and to expose them to the Teachings for conscious attainment of the Vampire Condition.

In short, the Temple Mission is to save the lives of those of us who can be saved.

It is an effort of rescue for Family members still in ignorance.

It is an experiment for consciously approaching those with Potential - a survival outreach program - rather than only skimming off a very few individuals and then allowing the vast majority to simply die a final death.

This Temple exists to promote the Temple Mission.

This is what They desire.

So if you do nothing to help with Their Mission, but then Call to Them in Communion to help you...
why should They come to you?

And if They **do** Come when Called, why exactly should They reveal Themselves to **you**?

Why **should** They give **you** the evidence you want?

Think about it.

You are asking Someone to help save **your** life but you are doing nothing to help **Them** save the lives of others just like you.

Why should They help you if you will not help Them?

Think it through.

Now a final word on this topic.

Unlike the nauseating human religions that send out legions of hypocritical idiots who go door to door, bothering people with their superstitious prattle, the Temple does **not** ask you to make a fool of yourself in any manner.

We do not ask you to sell flowers at airports, hand out "Chick tracts" in restrooms, or otherwise demean yourself by behaving in embarrassing or asinine ways.

To assist in the Mission we ask that you conduct yourself in a dignified and somewhat aloof manner.

The membership is even required to **not** discuss the Temple with others! This hardly lends itself to the common arguments of the evangelists who attempt to browbeat people with argumentation or "debate"!

Instead, we suggest confidentially even anonymously offering a Temple business card to someone who strikes you as perhaps having the Potential.

We suggest offering the Temple website URL to others in emails, in signatures on posts, and placing the URLs to the growing collection of Temple "bridge pages" designed to appeal to those in certain special interest groups.

None of these actions require personal risk nor embarrassment.

They can even be done anonymously.

But they do require some small effort.

And it is this effort that They will note when you Call to Them in Communion.

The Sacrifice of Lifeforce in Communion is not one of only Nightside Lifeforce.

Dayside Lifeforce - work - is the other side of the coin.

You cannot fool yourself.

Neither can you fool Them.

I fully realize that many of you reading this have not validated the reality of the Undead and what I have written here is **not** to be taken as an issue of faith.

The Temple is opposed to faith - holding beliefs without evidence to support them.

However, this is written because in order to gain the evidence you do desire with regard to validating the Undead, you need to offer a Sacrifice that will actually entice Them to Come to you such that They will reveal Themselves.

They need to find you worthy.

To those who have not validated the reality of the Undead and also have not posted your efforts to aid the Temple Mission, I hope I have better assisted you in understanding what you need to do.

The choice is yours.

The decision is Theirs.

Am I a Vampire?

From time to time I receive notes from Dayside Vampires who tell me that they really are benefiting from the Dayside Secrets but have done virtually nothing with the Nightside.

I had a recent such note from a Dayside Vampire who has been here for years but has never performed the Calling in Communion!

He was wondering if he was a Vampire or not.

Some answers to that question follow.

First, Vampirism is a **religion**. The followers of this religion are "Vampires", which is one reason we capitalize the name. Just as followers of Christianity are **Christians**, followers of Buddhism are **Buddhists**, etc.

Second, the Temple designates non-Graded active members as **Dayside** Vampires very specifically. *Revelations* covers the details with regard to the Dayside perspective of the Vampire.

So, yes, even if your curiosity has never gotten the best of you and you have not done **any** Nightside testing (which really does boggle my mind as to how you could restrain yourself that way!), you **are** a Dayside Vampire.

Finally, if you apply yourself to the Six Earthly Secrets you are buying yourself time.

You are hopefully improving your health, better protecting yourself from harm, acquiring wealth that will contribute to your survival prospects, learning how to not screw up your own mind as well as how to better control other people, and setting up at least one of our two strategies to defeat death so that even if you do die you will have a good chance of coming back to life.

That buys you time.

Frankly, any member who is ignoring the Nightside must have some issues they need to work through involving Deathism. So by pursuing the Six Earthly Secrets you are undercutting those issues.

We expect that given time, you will overcome whatever hang ups are preventing you from testing the Nightside and will do so.

This is seduction to "the Fanged Side", pure and simple.

We know that if you don't quit or die, you will eventually come around.

So there is no rush.

The table is set and the goodies are there for you to feast on whenever you are ready.

If you are reading this as a member then you **are** Vampire.

You just may not yet be a Nightside or Twilight Vampire.

We can wait.

In the meantime, enjoy!

A Word To The Wise.

One of the reasons the Temple has Grade and Title for members is so that any member can know what portions of the Teachings that member has testified to having attained.

Anyone who enters the First Circle as an Initiate has determined from their personal experience that they are willing to make a lifetime commitment to master the Teachings.

Anyone who enters Second Circle as a Predator has determined from their personal experience that Life force is real.

Anyone who enters Third Circle as a Priestess or Priest has determined from their personal experience that the Undead Gods are real.

As you all know, the Temple accepts as truthful the testimonies of the members to attain Grade and Title.

And that means that from time to time we will see members who will lie about testimony to gain Grade and Title - despite the fact that such "attainment" will not assist them in any meaningful way.

So how can any member know if a Graded member has truly attained their Grade and Title or if they are self-deluded or just deceptive?

There is one clear and unmistakable indicator that demonstrates whether or not the member has actually verified the reality of the Undead Gods as required for Third Circle.

Respectful obedience.

Anyone who has discovered that the Lords of Life exist and are real will immediately treat Their Guidance and Intentions with respect.

All egotistical "resistance" to the Undead and this, Their Temple, vanishes.

Instead the true member of the Priesthood wants to please and assist Those Who Have Risen.

The true member of the Priesthood will not undercut the Temple, the Teachings, or those who work in the administration of this Temple.

So how can you know when someone is truly at Third Circle?

You can know this by the manner in which they treat the Temple and the Teachings.

Those who have met the Gods will love and respect the Gods.

Anyone who truly achieves Third Circle wishes to mature and join the Gods in mastery.

Those who are only pretending they have done so reveal this pretense with every lingering bit of

sarcasm, questioning, and any denigrating statements ever made with regard to the Temple and the Undead.

Anyone in the Temple can rely on this simple method to identify those who have not truly achieved Third Circle.

Those who are truly Third Circle and up do not ever speak against the Temple, are loyal to the Temple and do not deviate from this perspective ... ever.

Why?

Because they now **know!**

Respectful obedience. Any who claim to be of at least Third Circle and fail to show this are still not at that level.

They still need to complete that level of knowledge.

A word to the wise.

We are what we are: Predators.

The Vampire Bible introduces new candidates for Temple membership to the essentials required to practice our religion.

The Lifeforce messageboard works to assist members in strengthening their mastery of the human world to elevate their perspective to one of authentic power and control.

We expect any new member here to take no more than ninety days to set up the foundation for Dayside mastery by the application of the Secrets listed in the locked threads and compiled in the *Tome of Dayside Mastery*.

Dayside and Nightside.

What anyone truly considers to be "real" we refer to as their "Dayside".

Therefore much of what is in *The Vampire Bible* is "Nightside" since for most who first come to the Temple such things as Lifeforce, Lifeforce Vampirism, out-of-body experience, the Undead Gods, real Magic, and so forth are still outside of what they know to be "real".

What I am about to write will require that you set aside any current personal problems you may have with treating the Nightside as real to grasp this essential truth about the Vampire.

I want to briefly remind everyone reading this about an oft overlooked fact of what we are.

Everyone here is expected to be practicing the Nightside techniques outlined and explained in *The Vampire Bible*.

While discussion of personal efforts are restricted to Graded membership in the appropriate Graded forums, *The Vampire Bible* remains the essential guide to what is required to practice and master the Teachings.

The Predator of Humans

This phrase acts as a stumbling block to many. They assume that a predator must kill prey and that somehow the Vampire must be a killer of humans to be a predator of humans.

However, the predator-prey relationship is actually all a matter of "who eats whom" (page 25, *The Vampire Bible*).

Eating is the critical defining word here.

The act of Vampirism is the "eating" of the Lifeforce of humans *however* this does not require killing or harming the human at all. In point of fact, the human continuously radiates Lifeforce like a water

fountain almost all of the time.

To help make this point crystal clear *The Vampire Bible* states on page 28,

The Vampire does not kill the human any more than a dairy farmer destroys his herd by drawing off the milk from their udders.

This image does not seem to match the ferociousness of the animal predator who seizes prey in his jaws and as an image of a predator seems rather sedate.

This however is not the whole picture.

In *The Vampire Bible* we are instructed in how to perform Lifeforce Vampirism in stages as the Vampire masters this skill, moving from instinctual to conscious control over the Act. On page 22, the four developing stages of Vampirism are outlined going from physical contact required to contact by mind alone.

The developing Vampire usually finds it easiest to achieve Lifeforce Vampirism in that specific sequence. Touching allows for Vampirism to work with greater ease and certainty than by sight, and sight more easily than by sympathetic contact, etc.

Thus we see members who will strive to validate Lifeforce Vampirism when coming in close contact with human beings.

Yet whether performed by touch or by mind alone, all of these stages of developing Vampirism are usually performed by the member while in the body, while physically awake.

This is not the most powerful form at all.

The description of being a Predator comes with the truly most powerful form of Vampirism.

And it is why we are what we are: Vampires.

Supreme Vampirism

This “higher level” of Vampirism is described in clear, concise words in *The Vampire Bible* on page 18:

The most refined source of the Lifeforce energy for Living Vampires is thus found in the astral bodies of humans while the humans are sleeping or in some other way not conscious. We often travel to the sides of sleeping humans to draw off the accumulated store of their life energy from the drowsing astral form which rests near.

This is the Predator of humans.

This is the Vampire.

When our bodies go to sleep, we Rise and go to the side of sleeping humans. There the human rests,

unconscious, open, unassuming.

We Drink deeply from the mortal.

We Take from the mortal.

We Eat their Life even though it does no harm to them to do so.

If you have not Risen to have this experience, *The Vampire Bible* is quite clear that you should strive to do so.

You are instructed to do what you can to Take Lifeforce, to perform Communion, and to seek to Rise.

Each time you close your eyes for sleep, the opportunity to Rise and Hunt comes to you.

”The Dreamer Eats the Sleeper.”

Thus we are the Predators of the human. We do not kill or harm the living, but we do Take.

We Eat.

And from this higher and more refined Lifeforce that we Eat, we grow and evolve.

These things are true whether you have validated them for yourself or not.

Your duty to the Temple and to your own survival is to do so.

You have the necessary Tools.

Hopefully now you also have a better understanding.

The Vampire is the Predator of the human

We are what we are.

Financial Independence.

The reason the Temple requires that you create a true and complete plan that will lead to financial independence to attain Graded membership is two-fold:

1. Results.

Your plan will work only if you understand why you will need to keep following it even when it **appears** to not be working.

This is **always** the case.

Every investment plan will go through periods of poor results or even losses. There is no avoiding this reality.

If you do not fully grasp what you are doing and why, then the first time your plan seems to be failing you will quit and that is exactly what 99% of the humans do.

They allow a short-sighted (Deathist!) perspective to cloud their rational judgment.

Until and unless **you** fully understand why your plan should work over what time scale and with what degree of possible loss, you will not attain financial independence.

You will only bail out at the worst possible time and lose money.

Just like most human beings do, year after year.

2. Mastery.

When **you** are certain your plan will work because **you** understand it, you will not only follow through so that you achieve the goal but you will **emotionally** acquire the calm certainty that comes with **mastery** of this aspect of living.

You will achieve the **long view** of acquiring wealth over time to achieve financial freedom.

You will **feel** and **think** differently from the human slaves who are slaves because they are trapped by short-term (Deathist!) perspectives.

The only way to achieve the Immortal perspective is to practice it actively until it becomes **your** normal view of things.

Nothing less will do.

These two reasons are why we will commonly reject incomplete plans for financial Independence.

Please understand that the purpose of your creating a complete plan for financial independence is to help **you**.

If **you** do not have a viable plan that you fully understand and can stick to even when the inevitable reverses happen, then **you** will not benefit at all.

I hope this better explains why the Temple requires this step for all those seeking Grade.

This is the Religion of the Rulers.

To Rule others you must first Rule yourself!

Time Enough for Love.

The following was an email exchange with a potential member. I thought it might be worth sharing here.

You are a very considerate and caring person. I do not understand why, but I have always thought of Vampires as being very cold and rude. It must be a misnomer due to the fact that you are not allowed to reveal much information about yourselves. I have always yearned to live forever and I cannot wait to become one of You.

Thank you for your kind words.

It is always the perception of personal insecurity that drives discourteous behavior.

The need to prove something about one's position or character stems from the simple fact that those who feel compelled to do so lack security and confidence.

When one comes to view life as potentially unending then priorities change, truly long-term goals become realistic and are planned for, and an understanding of why those who expect they are running out of time behave as they do.

I do not fault a cat for behaving like a cat and not like a dog. It does not upset me that a cat has the traits it does. In the same way, as the reality of authentic life extension dawns on the Temple member, that member tends to increasingly drop the need to play the usual primate dominance games that permeate all of normal human social interactions.

If you can and do proceed, it may very well be that you will discover these are common traits for Vampires: calm, patience, persistence, and acceptance.

There is also "time enough for love", as author Robert Heinlein once put it. Not just the usual sexual love, but an authentic love of life and living.

Just breathing can be a lasting pleasure in and of itself.

Nightside topics.

The **only** reason we do not go in depth on Nightside issues here in the Dayside forums is because years ago, when this message board started, we tried to do so and utter confusion resulted.

What you now consider the Dayside **will change** as you validate more of the Nightside issues.

For example, for most people who first arrive here, the idea of Lifeforce Vampirism may seem ridiculous, a piece of superstitious nonsense.

By the time you have validated Lifeforce and Lifeforce Vampirism (two requirements for achieving Second Circle) those two items will be considered by you to be Dayside!

You will **know** from personal experience that they are very, very real - as real as tables, cars, mountains, bridges and computer screens.

So what happens when you put together a group of people some of whom have a wider version of reality than others and then try to talk about such things?

Well, we learned that you only create chaos and confusion but very little useful communication.

So please understand that we do not cower in fear from discussing Nightside issues here.

We have learned to not discuss as real those things that those reading have not proven as real.

So despite the fact that *The Vampire Bible* spells out the Nightside of this Temple in quite a bit of detail, to include treating as totally real the Undead Gods, Communion, Lifeforce Vampirism, bodyshifting, body-hopping, the War of the Gods, the Coming Apocalypse, etc., we are careful to not treat these as "real" in an un-Graded Dayside forum.

Take the out-of-body experience (OBE) for example. I have had conscious, fully objectively-validated OBEs since I was five years old. They are a definite part of **my** Dayside because they are as real to me as bread and butter.

However, I would venture to say that this is not true for probably most of those who are here as Dayside Vampires.

So if I were to expect others to "respect" only my word and I were to discuss OBEs as a fact with others here, I would really be asking those members to **believe** me and to take what I am saying on **faith**.

We do not do that here.

"Test Everything. Believe Nothing."

Instead, we ask that the Dayside Vampire roll up his or her sleeves and work on Nightside issues as directed in *The Vampire Bible*.

It is just that we avoid discussing these issues here out of practicality and courtesy, respecting the reality of the situation as it is.

Every so often when I am pressed to the wall to answer a question about the Nightside from someone who has not validated the issue being questioned I will finally suggest that they take it up in an OBE.

"Get out of the crib if you want to talk with the Adults."

I am well aware of the fact that many new members buy and read *The Vampire Bible*, and then subscribe to active membership just to discuss Nightside issues.

Then they may feel frustrated because they see that the Temple places a strong emphasis on practical, "ordinary" goals such as building wealth, improving health, securing physical immortality, building personal inner strength and better manipulation skills in dealing with human beings.

I realize they want to deal with floating out of their bodies, flying to a human victim, Drinking that Blood (Lifeforce), meeting with the Undead Gods, performing powerful feats of magic, etc.

And guess what?

Just talking or posting about such things will do **nothing** to accomplish them.

The Vampire Bible explains what to do.

To paraphrase Benjamin Franklin, "The Undead Gods help those who help themselves."

Every time you close your eyes to sleep you have the opportunity to experience these things and prove that they are most real.

The Nightside always beckons.

In time, if you pursue it, it will become your Dayside as well.

Strive on!

Feeling overwhelmed ?

Have you been looking at the Dayside Secrets and feeling that there is just too much to tackle?

Or you seem hung up on proceeding with one particular area?

Maybe the Money Secrets seem impossible? You just find you are unable to face digging into what is needed to create a plan for financial independence? Thinking about buying stocks is something that makes your eyes cross?

Or do our technical suggestions for defeating death look like something a little worse than entering and completing medical school? Or the idea of having to find and buy life insurance seems complicated beyond repair?

Perhaps you have some other issue that seems to stand as a tall brick wall between you and some other Temple-recommended goal. You live in a country that is antagonistic to this or that goal. You have a personal health issue that is unique. You have a marriage partner problem. You have a privacy problem.

Whatever the issue or problem, if you are feeling somewhat overwhelmed then I have some simple suggestions for you that can help.

1. **Relax.**

Take a deep breath. Let it out. (Pull in that Lifeforce from the individuals you have been Feeding on!).

Rome was not built in a day. There is not wild rush required. This is not a race.

You may have just realized that there are all these answers.

You do not have to apply them all in the next sixty minutes!

2. **Prioritize.**

After reading through the different Secrets to get a general overview (if you haven't done this, this is what you should do next), I would suggest starting with the Immortality Secrets locked thread and taking five minutes to perform the first step for defeating death.

Yes, this is only a beginning. No, it may not be enough to save your life (though it might).

However, if you start in on doing something real to gain immortality, then you have all the time you need to deal with **anything** else.

Think about that.

Really.

If you really get the fact that you might have **forever** to do whatever you want or need to do, **will you still feel overwhelmed?**

I don't think so.

You will find in the instructions for each of the Dayside Secrets locked threads the suggestion that working on any one will help with the other five. However, immortality is the key to the other five. Secure yourself against death and you will be well on your way to accomplishing all that you need with the other ones as well.

3. **Down chunk.**

"A journey of one thousand miles begins with a single step."

It is necessary to step in the right direction, and to continue to take more steps after that first one, but **any** task needs to be broken down into the steps that you need to take to complete it.

How do you eat an elephant?

One bite at a time.

A large part of feeling overwhelmed is not knowing what the first bite is, and then the next, and the next, and so on.

So a critical part of getting something done is to figure out what are the bite-size steps you need to take to do it!

Once you know that then it becomes easy.

If the first step feels overwhelming, break it down into smaller chunks or steps until you get to steps that you **can** take.

The Apollo Moon Mission was a HUGE project. But it was accomplished because the mission was down chunked into steps that could be taken, one after the other, until the job was done and the astronauts all safely returned to the Earth.

4. **Write down the steps.**

Your conscious mental capacity has been measured to contain only 7 plus or minus 2 separate chunks of information at best. If you try to simply remember ten unrelated items in mind at least one will drop into amnesia.

Why fight your nature?

Write down the plan and the steps you will need to take to complete it.

If you do, you will almost immediately discover a sense of relief and enthusiasm.

You will feel relief because before you wrote it down you were feeling the tension of trying to just remember everything - and you knew you couldn't really do it!

You will feel enthusiasm because once you see the plan written down with steps that you realize you can take, **it will be seen by you are possible to do.**

Motivation happens anytime you want something and know what to do to be able to get it and believe this can really happen.

Summary.

If you follow these four steps you will reduce and finally remove feeling overwhelmed by ANYTHING.

And that is a special Secret to remember all by itself.

Now ... get to work!!!

What about crime?

Every so often I get an email about this topic. I am including this exchange as an example.

When I first found out about TOV, the rules were don't murder humans or animals, don't drink blood, no criminal activity, and no revealing Temple secrets to outsiders.

I did not know about anything pertaining to past criminal history. Are there any convictions that would disqualify someone from being a TOV member (other than murder)? And if so, what are they?

No offense intended when I say this, but why does the Temple request such a goody two-shoes, holier than thou appearance from it's members?

I mean, I can understand common sense things like don't draw attention, don't be a hedonist, don't rape, pillage, murder, etc. Okay, I get that.

But why such strict adherence by Vampires to human laws?

Humans don't even obey human laws.

From the Dayside perspective, I can understand wanting to avoid bad publicity for the Temple. But is there a Nightside perspective also? If so, what?

To answer your question, Temple Law exists as is to enable the Temple, which is a **public** experiment, to continue to exist, as well as to protect the members of the Temple from vicious criminals.

Any public organization will be shut down that advocates or permits crime.

Those who feel constrained by laws lack personal power and smarts.

We expect our members to become smart and leverage reality **as it is** to achieve success.

The Six Secrets of the Dayside are designed to assist members in doing exactly that.

Those who seek the "shortcut" of crime are simply short-sighted and stupid.

As explained before, the nature of any former crime is assessed by the Temple on a case by case basis.

Violent crime is of special concern. So-called "white collar" crime is not.

For example, violent crimes involving physically threatened or harmed victims are not acceptable to the Temple.

For example, non-violent, victimless crimes are of no special interest to us.

The Temple has an obligation to attempt to provide a safe environment for the members to interact with each other. We strive to meet that obligation as best we can.

However neither is anyone who wants to run wild in the streets thumbing their nose at the law welcome as a member of this Temple.

We consider such behavior to be all too human. And very immature.

From the Nightside this is Their Will.

We only seek those with Potential.

Temple Law is as written.

One Life. One Chance.

We mean it.

"Explaining away" the Temple.

The following was an email reply to a well-meaning Graded member of the Temple who was suggesting that a public FAQ might be devoted to dealing with public disinformation about the origin of the Temple.

The desire for those who wish to set aside the real challenge of the Temple or to explain their personal failure in testing the Teachings (or both) results in a need to "explain it away".

One common way to do this is to make it as mundane as possible. This can be approached by seeking to either show that the people involved are not perfect (no one is!) or that they were or are lying about everything.

The true test of the Temple as you well know is not with any such thing that is "visible".

If someone wants to determine if the Temple (which IS the Teachings) is true, then they have to personally and actually test it.

If they fail, they can blame themselves or blame the Temple but the stark reality is that lack of evidence is **not** proof of anything.

Those who succeed do not have to blame anyone.

Those who succeed do not need an FAQ.

Those who succeed have proof.

As I have written on many occasions, I was partially instrumental in the creation of the Temple, but I was not and am not alone.

Somebody had to type out the words, arrange for the printing, and so forth.

I was not and am not alone in that effort either.

But guess what?

Those who are intent with these issues are not interested in discovering that this is all true.

They only want to remove that threatening possibility.

Over the years, when I have run into people who concern themselves with these issues I have **never once** found that repeating to them the plain truth does any good at all.

Once they buy into any explanations that denigrate the Temple that seems to be the end of it for them.

They do not test the Nightside.

They muckrake.

They do not verify the Nightside.

They believe what they wish to.

I appreciate your desire to want to once and for all clear the air on these topics, but we have long ago published the true story.

We are not generating any lies.

They are.

And they have no desire to do otherwise that I have ever seen.

The door is always open for anyone to correct themselves, but it is quite clear that some people would rather be dead right and buried six feet than discover that they were actually wrong!

Active members have not just sat on their bottoms and wagged their tongues.

They have and are taking real actions and it is **they** who can truly discover the truth.

But for the public?

That seems completely pointless to me as they have ignored these facts whenever they have been presented in the past.

Words are cheap and actions dear.

It requires action to test the Temple Teachings.

That is not always easy.

But then, the Temple is not for everyone.

Only for some very rare and talented ones.

Thank you for your kind suggestion in any case.

Those who fail the Temple.

As is standard practice, we remove any discussion of former members of the Temple. I wish to take a moment to explain why the Temple follows this policy.

First, we do not give credence to liars or fools by doing anything more than to sweep them out of the way as we attend to the serious work at hand.

Those who come to the Temple and testify to experiences and actions taken to achieve Grade are given the benefit of the doubt as honest and trustworthy.

If some single element of a Grade testimonial is later determined to have been in error by the member who realizes that either they misinterpreted the actual requirements or have deluded themselves, the Temple will usually simply ask them to attend to accomplishing in fact what they have realized they missed.

If they reveal that they were simply lying about their testimonies then the Grade is removed and depending on the context of the deceit their active membership may be suspended or their complete membership terminated.

It all depends upon the context of the issues involved.

However, those who defiantly lie and betray our trust are not brooded over nor are they singled out for extensive analysis.

They are set aside as the mortals they have proven themselves to be and henceforth ignored.

Second, we do not publish quotes or links from such untrustworthy individuals here as we frankly do not wish to lend any importance to their nonsense.

Everything in the Temple requires that you be honest with yourself first.

If you honestly test the Temple Teachings then it is possible to validate those Teachings.

"Do not deny what you verify."

It is important to keep notes on what you have accomplished as you work through the Teachings as there is a natural tendency to "forget" what you have learned unless you make the effort to remember.

This is at least in part because you are moving against the normal cultural tendencies to follow the herd

and there are real psychological pressures to simply believe as they do.

For this reason if no other it is critical to be completely honest with yourself and with the Temple as well.

In the sense of allowing your grasp of the Teachings to strengthen and become reliable, the Temple acts as an anchor of support and a litmus test of verification.

Finally, the Temple does not bar any member from examining what anyone writes anywhere. We fully expect that if you encounter claims against the Temple that you will not simply believe what others say.

We expect that you will use good common sense to realize that when someone has lied to you once, that they will be very willing to lie to you again.

Anyone who has testified to Grade who then leaves and denigrates the Temple, has already lied to you once.

They lied to you by testifying to a Grade that they did not achieve.

Why would they not lie to you again?

Their motivation for further lies is even higher since now they have demonstrated that they DID lie.

So understand that if you go "slumming" where you read the words of those who failed the simple requirements of the Temple's test of honesty, you will only find those who must make the Temple wrong rather than own up to their own failure.

"If you lie down with dogs you will get up with fleas."

My suggestion is to simply stay true to your own intentions.

The Temple has six critical Dayside goals to be set up and achieved.

The Temple has a Nightside agenda for all members to practice and validate.

The Temple offers a Grade system for those who actually accomplish specific goals and wish to work more intensely on Nightside and Twilight goals.

If you go looking for criticisms of the Teachings that is exactly what you will find - from those who have failed.

If you spend the same amount of time promoting your own goals you will only get to those goals more swiftly.

The Temple does not require that you believe anything we offer.

We don't have to.

It is all true and if you are willing to do so, you can prove that to your own satisfaction.

It is just that simple.

Vampires lead and rule, but do not follow.

Compartmentalization of conflicting assumptions and beliefs is a very common mental trait we all possess.

For example, Objectivists, the followers of the philosophy of Ayn Rand, do not believe in life after death but reject physical immortality for the same reasons as true believers in fundamentalist Christian religions. They have simply compartmentalized their opposing views - just as the Christians do.

More examples are the classic conflicts of traditional Christians who are supposed to "turn the other cheek" but then conduct wars. "The Patriot" with Mel Gibson demonstrates this kind of conflicting compartmentalization as does Gary Cooper's classic film "Friendly Persuasion".

So, in the same way, I would suggest that it is entirely possible to "be" a classic "born again" Christian by choosing to assume those beliefs in context and then choosing other perspective or beliefs otherwise.

This goes against the grain of those who worship universal "integrity" above all else. However that "god" does not admit to the mental ability we all have - compartmentalization!

It's just a part of human nature and something that the Vampire can choose to do consciously as required.

For example, if you are talking to a small child who believes in Santa Claus are you flexible enough to be able to enter into that same belief at least while interacting with the child?

Or as another example, if you are talking to an older man who is a kind hearted Mormon can you allow for working within his perspectives and understand how he sees the world?

In both cases, the inflexible individual would be unwilling to "compromise". The outcome of such interactions would be argument, debate, and in the case of at least the child an unnecessary painful doubt in the Christmas morning magic of Santa.

For those who are out to "change the world" such "no compromises" approach to life are common. They have a cause to defend and promote, rather than just enjoying life as it is, which I would contend is a far more Vampiric perspective.

We seek to blend in, not stand out.

We seek to not attract undue attention to who and what we are.

This flexibility is very useful. As I have suggested before, life is not a war. Life simply is.

Additionally, the Temple motto is really the beginning of wisdom, not the end.

After you choose to "Test Everything, Believe Nothing" it is perfectly understandable that you will come to draw conclusions based on what you experience as a consequence.

Then that ladder will have enabled you to climb to a perspective that may enable a wider, more inclusive view of reality as it is.

I find it quite easy to don and doff belief systems as required by my surroundings and company, and see flexibility as a valuable skill.

Ultimately, my overall perspective is that of the Temple Twilight but from a Dayside view the best I can offer is to simply suggest that religions should serve you as a Vampire. To reverse that is to follow a religion.

Vampires lead and rule, but do not really follow.

Thus ends Bloodlines Volume Three.